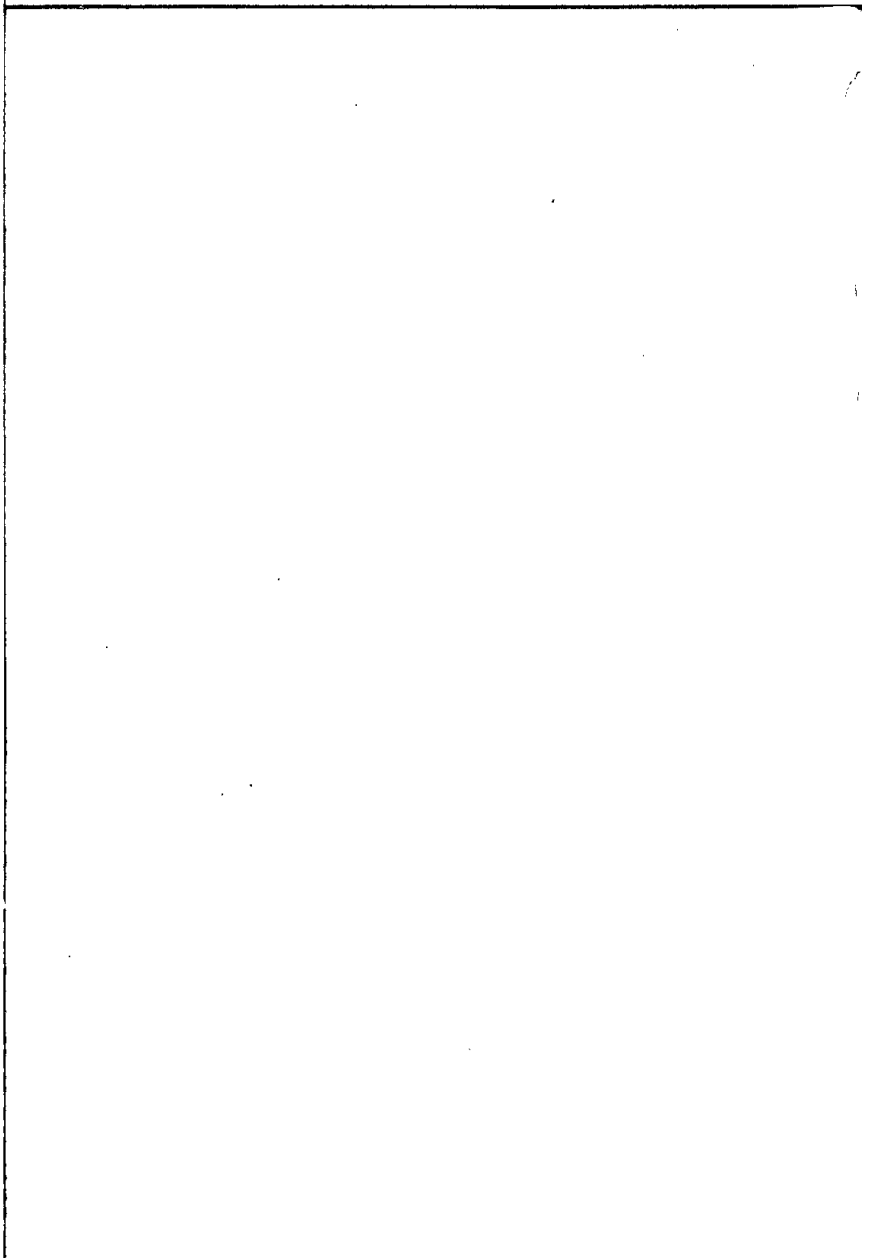


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ALBANY.

[Granted as *Burton*, Nov. 6, 1766, to Clement March and others. The line between *Burton* and Tamworth was established Dec. 30, 1796. *Burton* was taken from Grafton County and annexed to Carroll Nov. 27, 1800. The name of the town was changed to Albany July 2, 1833, probably for Albany, N. Y.]

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 7; Index to Laws, 15, 76; sketch, Fergusson's History of Carroll County, 1889, p. 782; Land of the Lingering Snow, by Frank Bolles, 1891, Chocorua chapter; At the North of Bear Camp Water, by Frank Bolles, 1893; Willey's History of the White Mountains, 1870, p. 269; Was Chocorua the Original Piquacket Hill?, by C. E. Fay, 4, Appalachia, 322; The Mountains between Saco and Swift Rivers, by J. R. Edmands, 3, *id.*, 57; The Moat Path, by J. Worcester, 1, *id.*, 267; Mt. Passaconoway, by C. E. Fay, 6, *id.*, 302; The Waterville Valley, by A. L. Goodrich, 6, *id.*, 318; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 600; The White Mountains, A Guide to Their Interpretation, by J. H. Ward, 1890, p. 131; In the Heart of the White Mountains, by S. A. Drake, 1882, p. 18.]

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[*Petition of Samuel Haven, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers Vol. 5, p. 1.]

To the Honorable the Proprietors of Mason's Patent So call'd.  
Gentlemen.

For as much as it has pleased His *Excellency* Governor *Wentworth* with the Advice of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> his Majesty's Council to grant unto your Petitioner a certain Tract of Land Bounded on the East by Conway—West Line and on the South by the Patent—Curve Line So call'd—And whereas Your Petitioner has viewed part of Said

Tract & found but a small proportion of Arable Land—Whereas, moreover, he observed just within Said Curve, and adjoining to Said Tract Some Beach Land capable of being improved for Tillage

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays You would grant him two or three Hundred Acres Adjoining to his Location on Such Terms & with Such Restrictions as Your Honors in Your great Wisdom & Generosity shall See meet.

And He will ever pray &c

Samuel Haven

April 20 1773 The Tract of land petitioned for in the above—being previously engaged, voted that y<sup>e</sup> Petition cannot be granted

att. Geo. Jaffrey Prop<sup>r</sup> Cl

[Samuel Haven again petitions for the same land, in the same form as above, June 30, 1773.]

#### ALEXANDRIA.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, June 1, 1753, to Joseph Butterfield, Jr., and others. The charter was renewed March 13, 1767. Re-granted July 7, 1773, to Jonas Minot and others. Incorporated Nov. 23, 1782. A large addition was granted July 7, 1773, which was incorporated as New London June 25, 1779. A portion of Alexandria was severed and combined with a part of Hill to make up the town of Bridgewater, Feb. 11, 1788. Danbury was set off and incorporated June 18, 1795. A tract was severed from Orange and annexed to Alexandria Dec. 7, 1820. A portion of Alexandria was annexed to Hill Dec. 20, 1820.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 825; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 9; Index to Laws, 16; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 113; Biography of Luther C. Ladd, the First Union Soldier Who Fell in Baltimore in 1861; History of the First N. H. Regiment, 1890, by S. G. Abbott, p. 193; Mt. Cardigan, by H. Murdock, 2, Appalachia, 239; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 375; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 22; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 509.]

[*Charter of Alexandria, 1753.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 3.]

Province of } PURSUANT to the Power And Authority Granted  
New Hamp<sup>r</sup> } And vested in me the Subscriber by the Prop<sup>r</sup> of Lands  
Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq in the Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup>  
by their vote passed at their meeting held at Portsmouth in Said  
Province the Sixth Day of December 1751—

I Do by these Presents on the terms and Limitations with the  
Reservations hereafter expressed Give And Grant, all the Right Title

property & possession of the Prop<sup>r</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> unto Joseph Butterfield J<sup>r</sup> James Cowa Thomas Cowan Thomas M<sup>c</sup>Laughlin John Hutchinson Phinihas Underwood Timothy Taylor Joseph Barnes Ezekiel Greele John Starnes Zacheriah Starnes William M<sup>c</sup>Clure William Parker John Harvell Thomas Juel Zacheus Spaulding Joseph Wright Benoni Juel Reuben Butterfield Mark Gould Robert Fletcher Jonathan Perham Jacob Fletcher Elijah Fletcher Nehemiah Lovewell Henry Snow Jonathan Griffin Daniel Merriel Samuel Merriel Jun<sup>r</sup> John Wallis Matthew Wright Joseph Cochran James Gray Hugh Ramsy James Miller Andrew Clindinin Robert Clindinin Samuel Aleson J<sup>r</sup> David Crage John Wallis Jun<sup>r</sup> Samuel Steel Robert Livingston William Wallis David Clindinin David Burnside Nathaniel Hombs Matthew Thornton Robert Fletcher Jun<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Butterfield of In and unto that Tract of Land or Township Lying In the Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Aforesaid Containing Twenty three Thousand & forty acres Exclusive of ponds Bounded As followeth Beginning at a Beach Tree Fifty Eight miles from the Province Line northerly in the western line of Mason Patent as lately run From thence South Sixty five Degrees East five miles and an half to a Beach tree Marked thence North fifty three Degrees East Seven miles & an half to a Hemlock tree marked thence North Sixty Degrees West to New Found pond so Called thence Crossing the pond and to Continue the Sam Course untill It Comes to Masons Patant Line five miles and an half to a maple Tree Marked thence westward on the said Patant Line Eight miles and a Quarter to the first Bounds—Which Tract or Township is Cal<sup>d</sup> Alexandria—To them Their Heirs And Assigns To Have And to Hold On the following terms And Conditions with the Reservations herein After Expressed viz<sup>t</sup> That the tract of Land or Township afores<sup>d</sup> be Divided into One Hundred And Twenty Equall Shares, two lotts at the least in Each Share to be finished And Drawn for in Some Equitable And Publick manner At or before the last day of November Which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1755

That three of the Afores<sup>d</sup> Shares be and hereby are Granted free from Charge One for the first Settled minister One for the ministry And One for the School there forever One lot in each of the Said three Shares to be first Lay'd Out in Some Convenient place near the middle of the town and lotts Coupled to them so as not to be drawn for—

That twenty more of the S<sup>a</sup> Shares be reserved for the Grantors their Heirs & Assigns for ever And Accquited from all Duty And Charge untill Improved by the Owners or Some Holding under them Respectively—

That the Owners of the Other Shares make Settlement at their Own Expence in the following Manner viz<sup>t</sup> each Grantee at the

expiration of five Years from the last day of November next after the date hereof have three Acres parcel of his Right Respectively Clered Inclosed And fitted for Mowing And tillage three Acres more in like manner Clered Inclosed And fitted as afores<sup>d</sup> then Next Annually for three Years And at the end of the S<sup>d</sup> three Years which will be on the last day of November 1761—have a Dwelling house built and finished fitt and Comfortable for a family to Dwell in, And a family or Some Person on Each Share to Inhabit and Continue Residency there for three years then next Coming That a Convenient Meeting house be Built in S<sup>d</sup> township as near the Centre as Convenience will Admitt within Eight years from this date And ten Acres of Land Reserved there for publick use—

That the Lands in Said Township Belonging to Grantors and Grantees be Subjected to have all Necessary Hyways Lay'd thro' them as there Shall be Occasion for the future without Any pay or allowance for Damages Thereby—

That the afores<sup>d</sup> Grantees their Heirs or Assigns by a Major vote in publick meeting Called for that purpose Grant And Assess in Equall Proportion Such Sum or Sums of money As they Shall think necessary for Carrying forward And Compleating the Settlement afores<sup>d</sup> and every of the Grantees exclusive of the three publick lotts Who Shall neglect for the Space of thirty days after Such assessment Shall be Granted And made (to pay the Same) so much of Such Delinquents Rights Shall and may be Sold as will pay their Respective taxes and all Charges Ariseing On the Sale by a Com<sup>tee</sup> to be Appointed by the Grantees for that Purpose—

And in Case Any of the Grantees Shall Neglect or Refuse to Perform any of the Articles Matters and things afores<sup>d</sup> by him Respectively to be done he Shall forfeit his Share And Right in S<sup>d</sup> Township And Every part thereof to those of the Grantees Who Shall have Complied with the Conditions on their part herein Expressed & it Shall and may be Lawfull for them or Any person by there Authority to enter into And upon the Share Right or part of Such Delinquent Owner & any & every Part in the Name And Behalf of the Whole of the Grantees Who Shall Comply as afores<sup>d</sup> To Amove Oust And Expell for the Use of them their Heirs And Assigns Provided they Settle or Cause to be Setled each Such Delinquent Right Within the term of One Year at the Furthest from the Period that is by this Instrument Stipulated to be done as the Condition of this Grant And fully Discharge & Comply with the Whole Duty Such Delinquent Ought to have done, within One Year from time to time After the Respective Periods thereof And in Case the Grantees fullfilling their parts as afores<sup>d</sup> Shall neglect

fullfilling as afores<sup>d</sup>, the duty of any Delinq<sup>t</sup> Owner nor he himself Perform it As afores<sup>d</sup> then Such Share or Shares Shall be forfeit Revert And belong to the Grantors their heirs And Assigns And be Wholly at their Disposall—

Further that the Grantees Within thirty days after the said Township is lotted out And Drawn for Shall Return a plan and Schedule of Such Allottment And Draft Certified by the Clerk of Said Township On Oath into the Grantors Clerks office—

Allways Provided there be no Indian war within Any of the terms limitted as afores<sup>d</sup> for doing the duty Conditioned in this grant to be Done And in Case that Should happen the Same time to be Allowed for the Respective matters afores<sup>d</sup> After Such Impediment Shall Be Removed—

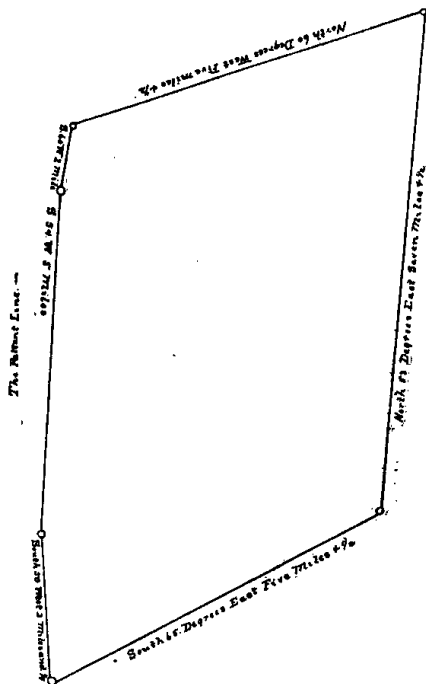
Further that all White pine trees fitt for masting his Majestys Royall Navy Growing On S<sup>d</sup> tract of Land be And hereby are Granted to his Majesty his heirs and Successors for ever To all Which Premises I Joseph Blanchard Agent for And in Behalf of y<sup>e</sup> Grantors have hereunto Sett my hand And Seal this first day of June in the 26 year of his Majestys Reign A Dom: 1753—

Joseph Blanchard { L. S. }

A True Copy Examined  
June y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1753—

☞ Robert Fletcher Prop<sup>ts</sup> Clerk

[Plan of Alexandria, 1753.]



This Plan Describes the Tract of Land Call<sup>d</sup> Alexandria Granted to Joseph Butterfield Jun<sup>r</sup> and Others Laying in the Province of New Hamps<sup>r</sup>—Part of Masons Patent Containing 23040 acres Exclusive of Ponds the Course Lengths of Line as Described on the plan herewith Laid in a Scale of One Mile to an Inch—Dated June 1753  
 Rob<sup>t</sup> Fletcher Jun<sup>r</sup> Surveyor

The foregoing plan & Return is a True Copy as on file Compared  
 June y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1753— Rob<sup>t</sup> Fletcher Jun<sup>r</sup> Prop<sup>ta</sup> Cler<sup>e</sup>



## [Vote of Acceptance by Proprietors of Alexandria, 1753.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 6.]

Whereas Joseph Blanchard Esq. as agent for & in the Name & behalf of the Proprietors of the Lands in y<sup>e</sup> Province of New Hampshire Purchased by them of John Tufton Mason Esq. Who Sold them under y<sup>e</sup> Title Made by a Common Recovery Did on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 1753. Grant y<sup>e</sup> Quantity of a Six mill Square Exclusive of Ponds Bounded as followeth Begining at the Southwest Corner of the Premisess fifty Eight miles Northwardly from the Province Line in the Western Line of Masons Pattent at a Beach Tree from thence South Sixty five Degrees East Fiv miles & one half to a Beach Tree thence North fifty three Degrees east Seven Miles and an half to a hemlock tree thence North Sixty Degrees West to Newfound Pond so Call<sup>d</sup> thence Crossing the Pond and to Continue the Same Course untill it Comes to Masons Pattent Line five Miles and an half to a Maple Tree thence Westward on the Said Pattent Line Eight miles and a Quarter to the first Bounds Mentioned

Voted—That we do hereby accept Said Title & for our Selves Our Heirs & Assigns do Acknowledge that we Hold Said Lands Under S<sup>d</sup> Title Conditions & Limitations with y<sup>e</sup> Reservations Therein Mentioned.—as by s<sup>d</sup> Grant Referance thereto being had may appear Unto Joseph Butterfield Jun<sup>r</sup> James Cowin Thomas Cowin Thomas M<sup>c</sup>Gloughlin John Hutchinson Phinehas Underwood Timothy Taylor Joseph Barrons Ezekiel Greale John Starnes Zacheius Starns William M<sup>c</sup>Clure William Parker John Harvil Thomas Juel Zacheius Spaulding Joseph Wright Benoni Juel Reuben Butterfield Mark Gould Robert Fletcher Jonathan Perham Jacob Fletcher Elijah Fletcher Nehemiah Lovewell Henry Snow Jonathan Griffin Daniel Merrill Samuel Merrill Jun<sup>r</sup> John Wallis Marthow Wright Joseph Cofrin James Gragg Hugh Ramsey James Millir Andrew Clindinin Robert Clindinin Samuel Allison David Craig John Wallis Jun Samuel Steal Robert Livingstone William Wallis David Clindinin David Burnside Nathanel Holms Marthow Thornton Robert Fletcher Jun Jonathan Butterfield—

Extract From y<sup>e</sup> Votes of y<sup>e</sup> Propriet<sup>rs</sup> of the Township Call<sup>d</sup> Alexandria at their Meeting the 12<sup>th</sup> of June 1753

Copy Examined      ☞ Robert Fletcher Jun<sup>r</sup> Prop<sup>rs</sup> Clerk  
Copy Examined      ☞ Robert Fletcher Jun<sup>r</sup> Prop<sup>rs</sup> Clerk

[*Petition of Proprietors of Alexandria for Extension of Time, 1767.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 7.]

To The Proprietors of the Land Contained in the Patent of John Tufton Mason Esq. in the Province of New Hampshire—

John Tolford & Mathew Thornton Esq. Agents for & in Behalf of the Grantees of the New Township Called Alexandria, Granted by Joseph Blanchard Esq. Agent for the said Proprietors, Lying in the Province of New Hampshire Shews. That Whereas, by the Charter, the said Alexandria is Bounded Begining at a Beach Tree fifty Eight miles from the Province line, Northerly, in the Weserly line of Mason's Patent, as lately Run, from thence South Sixty five Degrees east, five miles & an half to a Beach Tree Marked thence north fifty three Degrees east Seven Miles & an half to a Hamlock tree marked, thence north Sixty Degrees west to new found pond so Called, thence Crossing the pond & to Continue the Same Corse Un-till it Comes to Mason's Patent line, five Miles & an half, to a maple Tree Marked, thence westerly on the said Paten line Eight Miles & a quarter to the first Bounds.—& Whereas by an Actual Survey of the abovesaid Township, it Appears that their are Sundry Mistakes in the Corses & Distances Mentioned in said Charter, which has prevented the Grantees from making Settlement Agreeable to the Conditions of said Grant. Therefore in the Capacity aforesaid, in Behalf of the Grantees aforesaid We Humbly pray That Two years from this Date may be added to the time mentioned in said Charter, that the said Grantees may perform the Duties of every kind as Stipulated in the Charter thereof Also that the Bound, Corses, & Distances, of said Alexandria, may be Confirmed to the said Grantees Agreeable to the True Intent of said Grant, which we Beleive to be as follows (viz) Begining at a maple Tree in Mason's Paten line about forty Rods from New found pond thence Runing Over part of said pond South twelve Degrees East five Miles More or less, or to a Hamlock Tree marked, thence South fifty three Degrees west Seven Miles & an half more or less, to a Beach Tree marked, thence north twelve Degrees west, four Miles & an half to a Beach Tree marked in the westerly line of the Abovesaid Patent, thence Easterly, on said line to the Bounds first mentioned, & we Hereby Disclame, all the Land not Included in the Bounds last mentioned, all which is Humbly Submitted

John Tolford } Agents for the Proprie-  
Mathew Thornton } tors of Alexandria

Portsmouth, March 13<sup>th</sup> A D 1767.—

[*Extension of Time Granted to Alexandria Proprietors, 1767.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 9.]

Province of } Portsmouth March 13<sup>th</sup> 1767. At a Meeting of  
New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> } the Proprietors of the lands purchased of John  
Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in New Hampshire held by adjournment—

Upon reading and Considering the Petition of John Tolford and Mathew Thornton Esq<sup>rs</sup> Agents for the Grantees of a Tract of land, within our patent called Alexandria. The Proprietors being willing to encourage all industrious Settlers, and to rectify any mistakes which operate to their prejudice and also to grant them Such further Privileges and advantages as will best promote the Settlement according to the original design. Therefore Voted that all that Tract of land contained in the bounds last mentioned and prayed for in Said Petition—viz<sup>t</sup> beginning at a Maple tree in Mason's Patent line about forty rods from new found pond, thence running over part of said pond, South twelve degrees east five miles, more or less to a hemlock tree marked, thence South fifty three Deg West Seven miles and a half more or less, to a beach tree marked thence North twelve Deg: West four miles and an half to a beach tree marked in the Westerly line of the Said Patent, thence easterly on the said line to the place where it begins, be called by the name of Alexandria and all the Right Title Claim and Demand of the Said Proprietors be and hereby is granted to the Grantees named in the former grant, made by Joseph Blanchard Esq<sup>r</sup> in behalf of Said Proprietors. To Hold to them in the Same manner with the Same Reservations, Terms and Limitations, as is therein expressed, with this further Benefit and advantage viz<sup>t</sup> that the said Grantees have two years from this time to perform the Settlement and all the Several Matters and things by them to be done according to Said former Grant. Provided the Said Grantees shall have no right, Claim or Demand to any part of the Land contained in the Bounds Expressed in the above mentioned former grant, but only So much thereof as is contained in the above mentioned Bounds, and that they Relinquish and disclaim their Right and Demand to the said Premises within the said first mentioned bounds accordingly—

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Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cl.

[*Vote of Acceptance by Proprietors of Alexandria, 1767.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 10.]

Whereas, the Proprietors of the Lands in the Province Of New Hampshire, Purchased by them, from John Tufton Mason Esq. Who sold them Under the Title of a Common Recovery, Did on the thirteenth day of March 1767, Regrant, the Quantity of Six Miles Squar part of said Land by the name of Alexandria, Begining at a maple Tree in Mason's patent line About forty Rods from Newfound pond thence Runing Over part of said pond, South Twelve Degrees East, five Miles, more or less, to a Hemlock Tree Marked, thence, South fifty three Degrees, west Seven Miles & an Half, more, or less, to a Beach Tree Marked thence North twelve Degrees, west, four Miles, & an Half to a Beach Tree Marked, in the Westerly line of Mason's Patent, thence Easterly on said line to the first Bounds mentioned to Joseph Butterfield Jun<sup>r</sup> James Cowen, Thomas Cowen Thomas M<sup>c</sup>Laughlan, John Hutchison, Phineas Underwood, Timothy Taylor, Joseph Barron, Ezekiel Grele, John Stearns, Zacheriah Stearns, Jun<sup>r</sup> William M<sup>c</sup>Clure William Parker, John Harvil, Thomas Juel, Rueben Butterfield, Mark Gould, Zacheriah Spaulding, Joseph Wright, Benoni Juel, Robert Fletcher, Jonathan Parham, Jacob Fletcher, Elijah Fletcher, Nehemiah Lovewell, Henry Snow, Jonathan Griffin, Daniel Merril Jun<sup>r</sup> John Wallace, Mathew Wright, Joseph Cochran, James Gregg, Hugh Ramsey, James Miller, Andrew Clindinin, Robert Clindinin, Samuel Alison, David Craige, John Wallace Jun<sup>r</sup> Samuel Steel, Robert Livingston, William Wallace, David Clindinin, David Burnside, Nathniel Holms, Mathew Thornton, Robert Fletcher Jun<sup>r</sup> & Jonathan Butterfield.—Under Certain Condition, Limitations, & Reservations, Mentioned, in s<sup>a</sup> Grant, as by Reference thereto will fully Appear.—

Voted—That we Do Herby Except Said Title, & for Our Selves, our Heirs, & Assigns, Do Acknowledge that we Hold said Lands, under Said Title, Conditions, & Limitations, with the Reservations mentioned.

At a meeting of the Proprietors, of Alexandria, Held at the House of Timothy Engil, Inn Holder in Chester in said Province the Third Tuesday of April, A D 1767.—

The foregoing Vote Passed, Unanimously.—

Robert MacMurphy Propriaters Clark

[Schedule of Proprietors of Alexandria, 1767.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 12.]

A Schedule of Alexandria Each Draft Stands thus—

	first D <sup>n</sup>	Second D <sup>n</sup>	third D <sup>n</sup>	
Mathew Thornton N <sup>o</sup>	6	68	00	
David Burnside—	75	15	½16	in y <sup>e</sup> 3 <sup>d</sup> D <sup>n</sup>
John Moffat—	9	45	38	
Ezekiel Grealy—	73	28	½76	in y <sup>e</sup> first Devision
Jonathan Buterfield—	14	51	23	
Samuel Merril Jun <sup>r</sup> —	48	19	26	
Zacheriah Spalding—	7	3	36	
Thomas Pecker—	32	21	6	
Mark Gould—	65	47	½78	in y <sup>e</sup> first
Benoni Juell—	79	72	½12	in first
Robert Livingstone—	28	16	32	
Henry Snow—	64	33	½78	in first
Phineas Underwood—	68	66	½23	in y <sup>e</sup> first
John Wentworth—	46	60	30	
Joseph Cochran—	70	58	½24	in y <sup>e</sup> first
Thomas Walingsford—	8	22	28	
John Stearns—	19	11	9	
Robert Fletcher—	30	38	8	
Mess Harvey & others—	62	52	½16	in y <sup>e</sup> 3 <sup>d</sup> D <sup>n</sup>
Jonathan Griffin—	63	65	81	in first
John Hutchinson—	47	17	43	
Andrew Clendinen—	1	6	7	
Robert Fletcher Jun <sup>r</sup>	67	70	½23	in y <sup>e</sup> first
George Jaffrey—	36	54	18	
Joseph Boarns—	44	74	39	
Robert Clendinen	22	12	24	
Thomas Cowan—	26	30	14	
Joseph Buterfield Jun <sup>r</sup>	35	63	49	
Blank—	55	9	½3	in y <sup>e</sup> 3 <sup>d</sup> D <sup>n</sup>
Nathaniel Holms—	80	10	½25	in y <sup>e</sup> first
Elijah Fletcher—	40	61	40	
John Wallace Jun <sup>r</sup>	43	14	44	
William McCluer—	2	5	50	
James Gregg—	21	31	34	
Thomas Juell—	53	49	42	
Joseph Wright—	3	7	20	
Thomelson & Mason—	60	4	½2	in 3 <sup>d</sup> D <sup>n</sup>
Soley & March—	71	43	½12	in y <sup>e</sup> first
David Craige—	59	50	½2	in y <sup>e</sup> 3 <sup>d</sup> D <sup>n</sup>

	first D <sup>a</sup>	Second D <sup>a</sup>	third D <sup>a</sup>	
Thomas McLaughlen—	69	18	424	in y <sup>a</sup> first
Hugh Ramsey—	10	59	19	
Zecheriah Stearns—	52	1	41	
Reuben Buterfield—	20	25	46	
William Parker Es <sup>r</sup>	34	8	51	
John Hervill—	11	46	22	
Daniel Merrill—	51	29	4	
Jonathan Perham—	57	39	1	
David Clendinen—	13	23	37	
Joshua Peirce—	15	69	21	
John Wallace—	17	27	25	
James Miller—	72	42	416	in y <sup>a</sup> first
Samuell Steel—	41	32	47	
Timothy Tayler—	56	57	52	
Jacob Fletcher—	29	36	45	
William Wallace—	5	13	13	
Richard Wibird—	4	56	29	
John Rindge—	58	35	43	in y <sup>a</sup> 3 <sup>d</sup> D <sup>a</sup>
Samuel Alison—	16	34	10	
William Parker—	37	53	33	
Nehemiah Lovewell—	39	37	31	
Peirce & Mores—	31	41	425	in y <sup>a</sup> first
Joseph Blanchard—	66	73	& 77	in y <sup>a</sup> first
Mathew Wright—	18	26	12	
Joatham Odiorn—	45	44	5	
Theodore Atkinson—	61	67	17	
Mathew Livermore—	33	48	35	
James Cowan—	38	64	48	
Mark Hunking Wentworth	54	40	15	
Blank—	27	24	27	&c

Londonderry May 20<sup>th</sup> 1767

The fore Going is a true Schedule

p<sup>r</sup> Robert MacMurphy Proprietars Clark



Note the first Devision Begins at the North East Corner or hemlock tree and Contains nine Ranges being 81 Lotts—

The Second Devision Contains nine Ranges being 74 Lotts

The third Devision Lies at the South West End of S<sup>d</sup> town and Contains 52 Lotts twelve of which are goeing Lotts adjoining the Patent Line

[*Petition of Nathaniel Whitaker and Ralph Wheelock, 1769.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 13.]

To The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Theodore Atkinson and others the purchasers of Masons Propriety in the Province of N<sup>w</sup> Hampshire.

The memorial of NATH<sup>l</sup> WHITAKER and RALPH WHEELOCK humbly sheweth.

That Your Memorialists have been long & labouriously engaged in different departments in promoting the important Institution Doct<sup>r</sup> Wheelocks Indian Accademy in which they with truth can say, they have not sought their own personal or family Emolument or Advantage, & by which in part that Institution has not only become reputable but is like to be of great Advantage to this Province as a Seminary of Learning in it, & that Your Memorilests are persuaded that their former services will be no bar in the way of obtaining some fav<sup>rs</sup> for themselves & friends, nor their asking personal fav<sup>rs</sup> be censured as proceeding from too selfish Spirit—

That Your Memorilests have heard that there are several Townships of Land which have been granted many Years ago, & still remain unsettled, & therefore being forfeited by the Negligence of the Grantees, must return into the hands of the Proprietors.

That Your Memorilest have a Number of friends & Acquaintance who having large families & being desirous to provide for them in the farming way would in all likelyhood, make a speedy settlement of Lands which are inviting & of good Quality.

That there is danger least a delay of a grant should disappoint the plan of a speedy settlement, as the principle undertakers of said settlement are in Such circumstances that they must speedily fix where to settle, & if they should be otherwise provided for, Your Memorilests would be in danger of delaying the Settlement proposed—

Therefore Your Memorilests humbly pray that You would be pleased to Grant to Your Memorilests & their Associates, the township of Land lying within the Curve line or Masons Grant called ALEXANDRIA or that called DANTZICK if they shall appear on



enquiry to be vacated, or any other good Township of Land within Your purchase, on the most easy & beneficial terms, which in Your Wisdom & goodness You shall see meet.

And Your Memorilests as in duty bound shall ever pray—

Dated Portsmouth  
Sept<sup>r</sup> 16, 1769—

Nath<sup>l</sup> Whitaker  
Ralph Wheelock

[*Petition of Jonas Minot, 1771.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 14.]

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> and others Purchasers of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup>'s Patent

The humble Petition of Jonas Minot for himself and in Behalf of others shews—

That on the 24<sup>th</sup> Instant he prefered a Petition praying the Grant of a Tract of Land call'd Hereford but being disappointed, of that, is desirous of some other Tract within your Claim and particularly of that commonly called Parry's Town or Elexandria or Hidleburg or Heidelbough upon such Conditions & Resevations as shall be hereafter agreed on—

Portsm<sup>o</sup> June 28<sup>th</sup> 1771

Jonas Minot

[*Petition of Benjamin Whiting, 1771.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 15.]

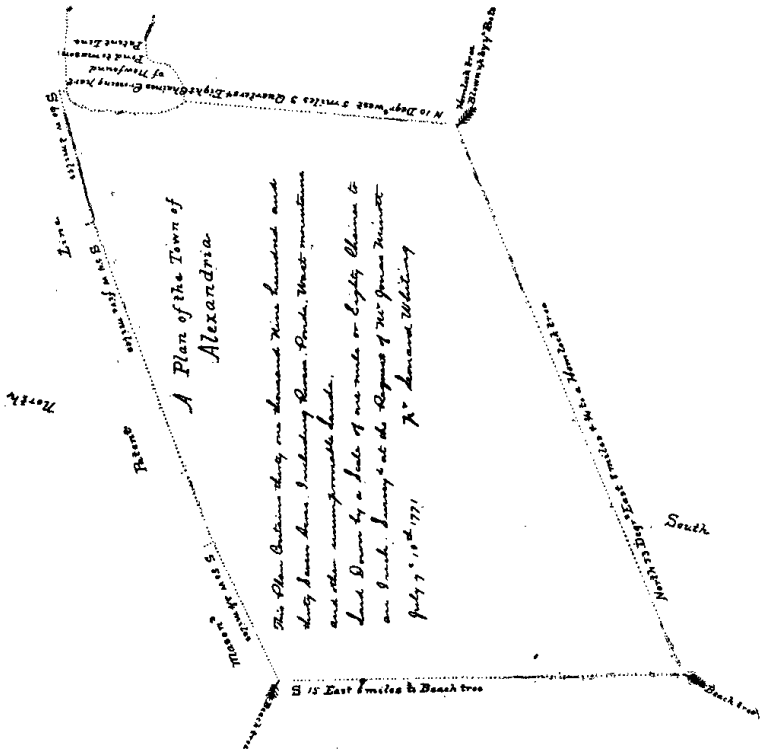
To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> and others Purchasers of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup>'s Patent—

The humble Petition of Benjamin Whiting for himself and in Behalf of others shews—

That they are desirous of cultivating & Settling some of your unimproved Lands within your Claim and particularly that Tract of Land heretofore called Alexandria joining to New Chester and the Curve Line upon Smith's River, upon such Conditions Limitations & Reservations as shall be agreed on—

Portsm<sup>o</sup> June 28<sup>th</sup> 1771-

Benj<sup>a</sup> Whiting



[*Petition of John Tolford and Daniel Rindge, 1771.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 16.]

Province of — } To the Proprietors of the Patent called  
New Hampshire } Mason's Patent in said Province—

THE HUMBLE PETITION of John Talford and Daniel Rindge In behalf of themselves & others Proprietors of the Township of Alexandria in Said Province Shews—

That the said Proprietors of the said Township have Done a Considerable part of the duty Incumbent on them according to their Charter tho' perhaps not so Soon as the Conditions of their Charter required yet as fast as considering the Impediments they met with was feasible and in Settling new Townships there are always accidents & events unforeseen that retard the progress of that work—but in this case the Proprietors will be able soon to Accomplish the whole having been at all or the Principle part of the Cost & Charge necessary and the lots woud have been Cleard up fit for Tillage had not the Season been uncommonly wet—

That your Petitioners have been Informd that Some others have been Soliciting to obtain a New grant of Said Lands with the fruits of the Labour of your Petitioners without regarding the Injustice which would in that Case be done—But your Petitioners hope in your wisdom & Prudence as well as justice to prevent the Damage that woud Accrew to all parties Concernd to have instead of Improving the lands a dispute and wrangle about the Title—For your Petitioners in justice to themselves cannot think of giving up their Labour to the new grantees (if any Such should appear) without Compulsion and what claim could be made by Such grant while your Petitioners were in Open Possession is Submitted to your wise Consideration—That as the whole duty of your Petitioners is so nearly accomplishd they humbly hope you will Suffer them to proceed without disturbance which will be most advantagious to all parties & they Shall Pray &c

John Tolford  
Daniel Rindge

[*Improvements in Alexandria, 1771.*]

[Extract from Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 49.]

[torn] the 22 Day of July 1771 the Famelies in the Place Called Alexandria & the Improvements Made their & y<sup>e</sup> Lots workt on  
Nathan Corlis Housen 1—Famely 1—years 1—Months 1—Acres

Improved 17 Cheifly maddow—Acres Cut 2—year—month 1—No 14  
—Division 1—under whom or whom Drawn by, william Baley—

[torn] Corley Housen 1—Famely 1—years 1—Months 1—Acres  
Improved 12 Partly meddow—Acres Cut 2—year—month 1—No 23  
—Division 1—under whom or whom Drawn by, william Baley—

Joseph Basford Housen 1—himself Liveing Cheefly in the Place 1  
year 3 acres—

Non resident—

Robert M<sup>c</sup>Murphy 1 Camp—Acres Improved 1½—Acres Cut 5—

John Tolford Laid Some Logues together in June Last which he  
Calls a House—Acres Cut 3 Cheefly Done this Summer—

James Molton Cut about 5 acres of Trees Last Summer Built a  
Camp or House—

Cristopher Bartlet Has Cut Down a few Trees within about a  
month—

Robert Foresaith Cut Down Trees about two Howers work a few  
Days Since—

William Powel Has Cut Down a few Trees Has a few Beens Corn  
& Taytors Planted Last fall & this Spring he Began to Cut—

Edmond Buswell & John Buswell Cut a few Trees Last fall—

Hastin & Rowel have Done the Same—

Jeremiah Lad Cut down about 4 acres of Trees & Planted a Little  
Corn—

Anthony Taylor Cut Trees Last fall & this Spring Near 4 acres  
Planted a few Taytors—

W<sup>m</sup> Morrow Cut a few Trees & in this Present July Laid Some  
Logues together which he Calls a House—

Daniel M<sup>c</sup>Murphey Cut a few Trees Last fall—

Joshua Tolford Cut Some Trees & Laid Some Logues together  
Last weak & this—

the whole of the Land Now Improveable Exclusive of what Jonathan  
Corlis Moses Corlis & Joseph Basford Have Done Dos Not appear to  
us to be more than about four acres by the Best information we had

July the 27<sup>th</sup> 1771 the above Return and the accounts of the Housen  
Persons Liveing in and the Improvements maid in Each and Every of  
the Places Called Alexandria Newchester Newbriton Perrys Town &  
Herreford are according to the Best accounts I Had from the Inhabi-  
tants of those Plases to gather with my own observations on Many of  
the S<sup>d</sup> Improvements Excepting one Famely I was tould Lived in the  
Place Called Hereford and are according to my Best Judgment which  
is humbly Submitted

W<sup>m</sup> Jonas Minott

Derryfield July the 27 1771 this may Certify that we weare Present with Jonas Minott the whole of the above mentioned Days and weare assisting in the Takeing the afore mentioned accounts of the above mentioned Places & that we Saw him Take the above Journall and that it is True according to our Best Judgment

Cutting favour  
Samuel Atkinson

Province of Newhampshir } Derryfield July 27<sup>th</sup> 1771  
County of Hillsborough Ss } Personal appeared the above named  
Jonas Minott & Cutting Favour & Samuel Atkinson & maid Solemn  
oath to the above Return by them Respectively Signed and that it  
Just and True according to The above Return

Sworn Befor

John Goffe Justice of Peace

Agreable to a Vote of the Propriety, Impowering us to Employ a Person to take an Account of Settlers &c in the Towns of New Chester, Alexandria, Hidleborough, Parrys Town, New Brittan, & to make a legal Entry on the same in behalf of the Propriety, We do present the Above Acco't & Reentry to the Propriety as our Return—

Portsmouth 15<sup>th</sup> August 1771

J Fisher }  
W<sup>m</sup> Whipple } Committee  
Peter Pearse }



the Above Rights & Lotts to be Reserved to the Proprietors as they now Stand the Proprietors Reserving to them selves, two Lotts more to Each Proprietor, to be equally drawn for, which will make 30 Lotts 40 Familys to be Settled in 3 Years, 15 within one Year, with proper Houses & 3 Acres of Land Cleared to each Settler. 2<sup>d</sup> Year 10 Familys more on the same terms as the first Settlers, 3<sup>d</sup> Year 15 Familys more, on same terms, the whole Constantly to reside there and Continue to make Improvements for Seven Years from the date—a Convenient House for Public Worship to be Built in 4 Years, and constant Preaching 1 Right for the first Minister, 1 Right for the Ministry, 1 Right for the School, a Grist Mill & a Saw Mill to be built in 18 Months a Publick Road to be Cleared through the Town towards Connecticut River, in 1 Year—the Proprietors Rights & Lotts to be free from duty til Improved—a bond to be give of £500 Lawf Money for the Performance of the Conditions Portsm<sup>o</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1771—

Oct<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> mem<sup>o</sup> to have an Answer from M<sup>r</sup> Minot & M<sup>r</sup> Talford the 14<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>

Portsm<sup>o</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>th</sup> 1771 Voted—that when the Proprietors are ready to make a grant to Jonas Minot &<sup>c</sup> of a tract of land called alexandria, that it be made on y<sup>e</sup> terms written on y<sup>e</sup> other Side—

Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>r</sup> Cl

[*William Bailey's Claim to Lots in Alexandria, 1771.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 19.]

Portsmouth October 3<sup>rd</sup> 1771

My Lords I Should have Laid my Claim yesterday to five Rights in Alexandria But I hapned to be out of the Entry when major Tolferld was Called into the Room by Lordship, and when He Came out there Seamd to be Some Heat—

But Now I Would Give your Lordships a true account of the pre-tentions I have to five Rights in Said alexandria On the Thirteenth Day of february 1761 I purchased the Said five Rights of one Robert Fletcher Jun<sup>r</sup> of Donstable for which five Rights He Received 313 Dollers &  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Every penny in money then paid Down. Then I with The Rest of the propritors in the year 63: & 64 Laid out the Said town ship into Lotts for which Servis I paid Eight pound ten shillings Lawfull money for my five Rights Then Immediatly to Encourage the Settlement of Said Twon I Gave a Number of wrightings under my Hand Sufficiently Drawn all of one tenour and Date and

sent them to all the uper Towns for the Encouragement of Settlers the Contents were That I would Give as a bounty to any three persons that would undertake the Settlement of Said five Rights three Lotts of Land in Said Town and further I would Give three Barrils of pork 3 Do of Beaf & 3 of Bread and one Barrill of Rum But None apeord to Settle on those terms then I agreed to Give the pick of any one Lott for the Settlement of one Right and Engagd one Mr Dan<sup>t</sup> Young to Settle one Right for which I Gave him a Deed of Lott Number 4. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division he went the Same year on to said Lot and was there Near three weeks in the town falling trees when he was able all alone and Very Sick part of the time. yet as young was Not properly assisted with other Setlers He Growd Discouraged and Give his Right to Jeremiah Lad. provided I Would take Lads Security for the Settlement of Said Right and by His Desire I Did Transfer the Security from young to Lad. and the Said Lad took the Risque to himself whether young Had fully Complyd with the Charter or Not (the transferring of the Security has been within this year) in april 1769 I agreed with one Jonathan Corless and Engaged him to settle one Right for which I Engaged him Lot N<sup>o</sup> 14 in the first Division June following I Engaged mooses Corless and Engagd him  $\frac{1}{2}$  Lott 23 in Said Division they Both imediatly moved on with their familys and there Continue, and then Last Spring one mr John Bartlet Came to me and Said he Had Sons that Wanted to settle in Said town I Gave him the Number of all my twelve Lotts and promised to Give them Either Two of Said Lotts if he would Settle the two Remaining Rights in May I Saw the Said Bartlet He Says his Sons was Gone into Said town to Live I then told him if his Sons would Settle on my Rights I Would Give him fifty acres more to Encourage him being then old. and Since I Here that the Said Bartlets are on my Lots but I Cannot Say but true it is that one of them is in the town—

I Cannot tell what I Could have Done more to Encourage any Settlement than I have without I had gone my self—but my occupation Did Not allow of that—but I Here by mr minot that your Lordships Have Voted that town to him with some Reservations) This is a true Relation and I Submitt to any Reasonable or Rational person to Judge of the Justice of my Claim to the five Rights in Said Alexandria—I am your Lordships Humble Ser<sup>t</sup>

William Bayley

To the purchasers of John Tuften mason Esqr<sup>r</sup> Right to the province of Newhampsher



[*Jonas Minot to the Proprietors, about Alexandria, 1771.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 20.]

Honred Sirs I Proceeded to Alexandria to Put on Setlers found that All Major Tolfords Pretences to Settle with us weare a peice of Deceit he was Endeavouring to Possess him Self of the Town Encourageing himself and oathers that when that is Done they will be Safe and Shure to Hold the Town I made Proclamation that all People that would then Ingage to Settle in that Place under the Proprietors the origenall Grantors Should be Received as their Setlers and Have one hundred acres to Each Setler their Performing Duty &c where uppon Jonathan Corless Moses Corless Joseph Basford William Corless James Taylor Jonathan Taylor Asa Hasting all Entered into written obligation to Settle under us & Timothy Stevens & Nathaniel Bartlet Signed for our Setlers but I found my Self Nesiitated to wright a Line praying you to Give them a Title for Tolfords & Macmurphy Sons weare Present to use Every means they Could to Prevent any Person Setling under the Grantors telling the People they Should undoubtedly Hold the Town that they Should Sew those that Setled under us that their Charter was Not out that the Proprietors Could Not Take the Town from them that they had the advise of Good attorneys or attorney they made a mere Laugh of the Proprietors Pretences to Sew them Said they would Endemnify All Persons who would Go on under them Proceeded then to Cutting Roads in Alexandria & I have Not Time at Present Pirticularly to Acquaint your Honours with the one half of their ways to Discourage your Setlers I have a Number of People whow will Go on but Expect that I Save them Harmeless & if you think Best to Impower me to Give a Deed to Setlers & Indemnify them I Can Carry on Settlements with Grator Success & if you Dont Give Stevens & Bartlett a Deed tis Provable you will Sattisfie them that they Shall have one—tis Said that my Takeing Possession of the Town as I did by Virtue of your Power of Attorney Did Not Reinstate you in the Lawfull Possession their of that you must Reject the Setlers or Reject the Grantees out—that the Power was Not Legally Executed it was Signed by your Committee and witnessed by James Stoodley & James Stoodley Juner Gentlemen if you Should Criticise on these things or Take the opinnion of an attorney I Should be Glad to hear the Result & if you Should forward the writs up So that they are Served Soon it may be for the Best I am under the Disagreeable Nesesity to Certify that Robert fossaith of Newchester In September Last Trespaset on Lot No 2 in the first Division witnesses Benjamin Shaw of Cordegan William Heath of Rumley—also Robert Memur-

they on Lot No 13 in the first Division witnesses John McMurphey & Robert McMurphey Juner all of London Dery. I am hapily Prevented Sending you an account of two more Trespasses Done which are Like to be Settled I Pray to Hear from you by the Next Post as I have People who want to go on but want to Know Something further & if you would have me Come to Portsmouth I Shall Instantly Come at your motion the People I Put on have the Promise to be Served and are Something ferefull of the Consiquencies these from Gentlemen your most Obedient Humble Servant

Concord November the 28 1771

Jonas Minot

N B Cor<sup>ll</sup> Thornton Has advised for Going on under Tolford tells that then they will be Safe Has thretned In Case of Nonconformity I Just Now heard that they are Sending Som famelys in to Alexandria to winter their—yours &

any thing Sent by the Post to me may be Left with Mr Samuel Minot Gould Smith in Boston

To the Honourable George Jaffrey Esqr at Portsmouth to Be Communicated to the Committee appointed to Employ any Person to Put on Setlers in alexandria In New hampshire

[*Conditions of Settlement of Alexandria, 1772.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 21.]

WHEREAS the Proprietors of Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> called Mason's Patent situate in the Province of New-Hampshire, by their Grant bearing date March y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> A D 1767—convey'd to Joseph Butterfield jun<sup>r</sup> and others therein ment<sup>d</sup> a certain Tract of Land within the Bounds of s<sup>d</sup> Patent, called Alexandria—upon certain conditions in said Grant specified to be performed on the part of s<sup>d</sup> Grantees—which Conditions not being performed the Grantors re-entered on the same Lands as by virtue of said Conditions they lawfully might and thereby became legally seized and possessed of s<sup>d</sup> Lands, as tho' the same had never been granted. And Whereas the said Grantors at the instance of us the subscribers have agreed to Re-grant to Jonas Minott of Concord in the County of Middlesex and Province of the Massachusetts Bay Gentleman—one moiety of the Land aforesaid, and the other moiety thereof to the former Grantees of s<sup>d</sup> Alexandria. both of s<sup>d</sup> moieties upon the Terms, Conditions, limitations and reservations to be Mentioned in said new Grant—viz<sup>t</sup>. The proprietors to reserve to themselves Twenty Rights in s<sup>d</sup> Alex-

andria, reserv<sup>d</sup> to s<sup>d</sup> Grantors, numbered, and severed by, and in Consequence of said former Grant, and also Thirty unsettled Lots already Dotted and numbered to be drawn for by said Grantors at Portsmouth in s<sup>d</sup> Province within fourteen days after the Return of the plan herein after-mentioned. The said Grantees to settle Forty Families within three years from the date of the new Grant—Fifteen in one year with proper Houses and Three Acres of Land cleared to each Settler—Ten Families the second year on the same terms. Fifteen Families the Third Year, the Terms as before ment<sup>d</sup>. The whole constantly to Reside on s<sup>d</sup> Lands and continue to make improvements on the same for seven Years from the date of s<sup>d</sup> Grant last mentioned

Said Grantees are also to build, within Four Years from s<sup>d</sup> date a convenient House for Public Worship—and to maintain a Minister who shall constantly on Sabbath days preach in the same.—One Right in s<sup>d</sup> Alexandria to be given to the first Minister—and one Right to the stated ministry, also one Right to the School.—A Grist Mill & Saw Mill to be built within Eighteen Months from the date of s<sup>d</sup> new Grant. A public Road to be cleared thro' said Alexandria towards Connecticut River in one Year And the said Grantors Rights & Lots to be free from duty 'till improved. And Whereas the said Grantors have further agreed to grant to the said Jonas Minott one moiety of another Tract of Land hereafter described, and to the said Grantees the other moiety thereof upon the Terms, conditions, limitations & reservations in this agreement after mentioned—s<sup>d</sup> Land to be bounded as follows viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at the westerly corner of said Alexandria, upon the curve line, and following the said line until it comes to the Northerly Corner of Fisher's Field. Then from the Southerly Corner of said Alexandria running in a strait as nearly parrallel as possible to the said Curve line, until it strikes the North-erly side line of Parry's Town, Then following s<sup>d</sup> line of Parry's Town 'till it comes to the northerly line of Fisher's Field, then follow<sup>s</sup> the said line of Fisher's Field, 'till you strike the Curve line at the second mentioned Bound. Except that in Case the lines of any former granted lands, sh<sup>d</sup> interfere with the lower or second line before mentioned then to go round s<sup>d</sup> other lines 'till it gets into the former Course.

S<sup>d</sup> Terms, Conditions, Limitations, & Reservations are as follow. viz<sup>t</sup> One third part of the last described Lands to be reserved to the Grantor's use which Land shall be held by them free of all Taxes and Charges whatsoever that may arise concerning the Roads, Buildings, Ministry, Settlements and other public affairs whatsoever, until their said reserved Lands shall be improved, and then only the par-

ticular lot So improved to be liable. And all the white Pine Trees fit for his Majesty's use growing on s<sup>d</sup> Premises, be also reserved for that use.

And said Grantees to have Forty families on every Twenty thousand acres in s<sup>d</sup> last mentioned Land & in the same proportion for a greater or less quantity of Land And all the Settlers to be got on and reside on said Lands, within three years from the Return of the Plan of s<sup>d</sup> last Tract of Land Which being supposed of an Oblong Form shall be divided in the Center, into two Parishes, and that in each Parish shall be laid out in the centre thereof, or as near as may be, a Lot in a square form cont<sup>g</sup> at least ten acres, for a Burying yard, Training Field Meeting House, and other public uses forever And nearly adjoining to s<sup>d</sup> Lot another of One hundred and fifty acres for the use of a Public School forever. Also another Lot of One hundred and fifty acres for the use of the first settled Minister forever.— Another adjoin'g thereto of One hundred and fifty acres for the use of the ministry forever.—And that a House for Public Worship of Thirty six feet square at least shall be built on the s<sup>d</sup> Ten acre Lot within Three years after the date of said Grant.—That a Saw Mill and Grist Mill shall be built in Three years after the date of said Grant in last ment<sup>d</sup> Land. That the said Alexandria & last ment<sup>d</sup> Land shall be surveyed by a Person appointed by the Grantors, the Charge thereof to be borne by the said Grantees, and a plan, upon oath returned to the Grantors of the same, by the first day of June next.—S<sup>d</sup> last ment<sup>d</sup> Land to be divided by the said Surveyor, at the Grantees Expeuce, into equal Lots—every twenty thousand Acres to Contain One hundred and twenty Lots to be return'd with the Plan aforesaid. And if at the Expiration of three years from the date of the Grant any of said Lots required by the Grant to be settled, shall be found unsettled and without a resident Family thereon, such Lots shall be forfeited to and for the use of the said Grantors.—The duty of settlement is understood to be—That upon each settling Lot is to be built a dwelling House, equal to Sixteen feet square, and six Acres improved in mowing, tillage and under Fence.—And that within fourteen days after the Return of the Plan of Survey of the Lots in s<sup>d</sup> last mentioned Land shall be drawn at Portsmouth according to Custom in the presence and under the direction of the Grantors.—And in consideration of the premises, we promise & engage to give a Bond to the s<sup>d</sup> Grantors in the penal Sum of Five hundred Pounds L M<sup>7</sup> conditioned for the performance of Terms aforesaid.— And it is further agreed, that in Case said last Tract of Land upon the Return of the Plan and Survey thereof should appear not so good in quality as the neighbouring Towns in general, then s<sup>d</sup> Grant-

ors shall not exact s<sup>d</sup> forty families to be settled in manner afores<sup>d</sup> but shall abate that Number in proportion to s<sup>d</sup> last Land appearing to be deficient in quality afores<sup>d</sup>—

In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands the 25th day Sept<sup>r</sup> A D 1772—

Test J Pickering J<sup>r</sup>

D Peirce	} Committee
D Rogers	
John Penhallow	
W <sup>m</sup> Whipple	

[*Grant of Alexandria to Jonas Minot and Others, 1773.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, July 7, 1773.]

Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Portsmouth July 7<sup>th</sup> 1773 Wednesday five of the Clock afternoon at the dwelling house of James Stoodly Esq<sup>r</sup> Innholder—The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Whereas the Said Proprietors by their Grant bearing date March 13<sup>th</sup> 1767 conveyed to Joseph Butterfeild jun<sup>r</sup> and others therein mention'd a certain tract of Land situate within the bounds of the Pattent Line, in the Province of New Hampshire called Alexandria, upon certain conditions in said Grant specified, to be performed on the part of said Grantees, which Conditions not being peformed, the Grantors reenter'd into the same Lands, as by virtue of said conditions They Lawfully might and thereby became Legally seized and possessed of the said Lands, as tho' the same had never been granted. AND WHEREAS the said Proprietors by the desire of Jonas Minot of Concord in the County of Middlesex, Gentleman, Jonathan Bagley Esq. and William Bailey Gentleman both of Almsbury in the County of Essex, and all in the province of the Massachusetts Bay, Matthew Thornton Esq & Robert M<sup>c</sup>Murphy Gent<sup>m</sup> both of Londonderry John Talford Esq. William Talford Gent<sup>m</sup> both of Chester, Daniel Rindge of Portsmouth Esq all in the County of Rockingham & Province of New Hampshire, and Joshua Talford of New Chester in the County of Grafton and Province last mention'd husbandman, Have agreed to grant said tract of Land situate in the County of Grafton and Province of New Hampshire, to the said Minot, Bagley, Bailey, Thornton, M<sup>c</sup>Murphy, John Talford, William Talford, Rindge & Joshua, the one moiety of said Lands to the said Minot, and the other moiety thereof to the said Bagley Bailey, Thornton, M<sup>c</sup>Murphy, John Talford, William Talford, Rindge and Joshua Talford, which said Last Moiety is to be granted to the said Bagley Bailey, Thornton, M<sup>c</sup>Murphy John Talford,

William Talford, Rindge & Joshua Talford, in proportion to the Rights and Shares they owned under said forfeited Grant, and the whole of the Land herein after granted to be upon the conditions, Limitations & reservations herein after mention'd, Therefore VOTED That there be and hereby is granted, to the said Minot his Heirs and assigns forever, the one moiety of the after mention'd Lands according to quantity and Quality, and the other moiety thereof to the said Bagley, Bailey, Thornton, M<sup>c</sup>Murphy, John Talford, William Talford, Rindge & Joshua Talford, and to their respective Heirs & Assigns, in Proportion to the rights and Shares owned by them under said Grant, Viz<sup>t</sup> to the said Matthew Thornton Twelve forty ninths of the said Moiety Last mention'd, to the said Jonathan Bagley five forty ninths, to the said William Bailey five forty ninths, to the said John Talford Seven forty ninths, and one third, to the said William Talford Eight forty ninths & one third, to the said Robert M<sup>c</sup>Murphy eight forty ninths and one third, to the said Daniel Rindge two forty ninths, and to the said Joshua Talford one forty ninth part of said Last moiety, the tract of Land hereby granted is bounded as follows viz<sup>t</sup>—begining at a Maple tree in Masons Patten Line about forty rods from Newfound Pond, thence runing over part of said Pond South twelve degrees East five miles and an half more or Less to the place where a Hemlock tree formerly stood, and marked for the easterly corner bound of Alexandria, from thence South fifty three degrees West about eight and half miles more or Less to a Beach tree marked, from thence North twelve degrees West, four and half Miles more or Less to the Patten Line aforemention'd, from thence easterly on said Line to the Place first mention'd Excepting and reserving out of said tract of Land the Rights & Lotts herein after mention'd, which are hereby expressly reserved for the use of said Grantors their heirs and Assigns forever, Viz<sup>t</sup>—Lot Number Nine in the first, forty five in the second & thirty eight in the third Division, in said Alexandria, Lot number thirty two in the first twenty one in the second, and Six in the third division, Lot number forty six in the first, sixty in the second, thirty in the third division, Lot number eight in the first, twenty two in the second, Twenty eight in the third division, Lot number sixty two in the first, fifty two in the second, & one half N<sup>o</sup> Sixteen in the third Division, Lot thirty six in the first, fifty four in the second eighteen in the third Division, Lot Number fifty five in the first, nine in the second half of N<sup>o</sup> three in the third Division, Lot Number Sixty in the first, four in the second, half of Lot Number two in the third division, Lot number seventy one in the first, and half of Number Twelve in the first, forty three in the second division, Lot number thirty four

in the first eight in the second, fifty one in the third division, Lot Number fifteen in the first, Sixty nine in the second, twenty one in the third division, Lot number four in the first, fifty six in the second, twenty nine in the third division, Lot number fifty Eight in the first, thirty five in second, half of three in the third division, Lot number thirty one, & half of twenty five in the first, forty one in the second division, Lot Number forty five in the first forty four in the second five in the third division, Lot number sixty one in the first, sixty seven in the second, seventeen in the third division, Lot number thirty three in the first, forty eight in the second, thirty five in the third division, Lot Number fifty four in the first, forty in the second, fifteen in the third Division, Lot number twenty seven in the first, twenty four in the second, twenty seven in the third division, Lot number sixty six in the first, seventy three in the second, Seventy seven in the first division, according as the same Lotts were numbered and entered in a Schedule by said proprietors under the said Grant of Alexandria, as will fully appear by reference had to said Schedule, and also the Lotts following are reserved to said Proprietors under this Grant, viz: Lott Number fourteen in the second division, number thirty four in third division, number twenty three in second Division, Number seventy in first division, Number Sixty four in first division, Number eight in third division, number fifteen in second division, Lot number twelve in third division, number ten in first division, number thirty three in third division, number Sixty one in second division, number forty one in first division, number twenty eight in first division, Number one in third division, number twenty seven in second division, number sixty nine in first division, number twenty nine in first division, number seventy six in first division, number forty in first division, number Eleaven in the first division, number Seven in third division, number forty nine in third division, number forty eight in first division, number Eighty one in first division, number thirty one in third division, number twenty two in third division, number seventy nine in first division, number six in second division, number forty seven in third division, and number seventy eight in first division—

To HAVE & HOLD the said Premises, except what is herein reserved to them the said Jonas Minott, Jonathan Bagley, William Bailey, Matthew Thornton, John Talford, William Talford, Robert McMurphy, Daniel Rindge & Joshua Talford, their Heirs & Assigns forever in manner and proportion as aforesaid upon the Terms, conditions, Limitations & Reservations following viz:—That twenty rights in said Tract of Land are hereby expressly reserved to said Grantors, numbered & severed in consequence of said former Grant,

and Also thirty unsettled Lotts, already Lotted & Numbered as aforesaid—That said Grantees shall settle upon said Granted Lands forty Families within three years from the date of this Grant, fifteen in one year, With proper houses built thereon, and three acres of Land cleared to each settler, Ten Families the second year on the same terms, fifteen families the third year on the Terms before mention'd, The whole shall constantly reside on said Land, and continue to make improvements on the same for seven years from the date of this Grant, That said Grantees shall within four years from the date hereof build a Convenient house for the Publick Worship of God, and Maintain a Minister who shall constantly on Sabath days preach in the same, That three of the aforesaid Rights besides those already Reserved, shall be and hereby are granted free from charge, One for the first settled Minister, One for the Ministry, and One for a school there forever— That a Gristmill & Saw Mill shall be built by said Grantees within eighteen months from the date hereof; a Publick road be cleared through said Land towards Connecticutt River in one year, and that the said Grantors Rights and Lotts aforementioned be free from Duty untill improved Provided that said Grantees or any of them, shall Neglect to perform the conditions on his and their part to be performed according to the true Spirit and meaning of the terms upon which this Grant is made, then and in such Case it shall and may be Lawfull for the Grantors their heirs and Assigns, by themselves or attorney duly appointed to Reenter into each & every such delinquent Grantees Right or Rights, Lott or Lotts & become resealed & repossessed thereof, as tho' this Grant had never been made—And further all White Pine trees on Said Tract of Land fit for Masting His Majesty's Royal Navy be and hereby are granted to his Majesty his heirs & Successors forever—

VOTED Also That there be and hereby is granted unto the before-named Jonas Minott, Jonathan Bagley, William Bailey, John Talford, William Talford, Matthew Thornton, Robert McMurphy, Daniel Rindge and Joshua Talford, on the Terms, conditions, Limitations & reservations herein after exprest, a Certain tract of Land situate in the County of Hillsborough & Province of New Hampshire, bounded as follows viz' beginning at the South-westerly Corner of Alexandria aforesaid on the Patent Line, and Runing on said Pattennt Line to Fishersfield Corner, in Great Sunnipe Pond, from thence East, on the Northerly side Line of Fishersfield, four hundred seventy two Rods to Parrys Town Corner, then North eighty five degrees East about four miles to a beach tree marked, on Parrystown Line, from thence North



thirty nine degrees East, about Sixteen hundred & seventy two rods to a beach tree marked in Alexandria Corner, from thence North twelve degrees West to the Patent Line aforementioned on the westerly side of said Alexandria, TO HAVE & TO HOLD to the said Minot his heirs & assigns forever the one moiety of said Land, and to the said Jonathan Bagley, William Bailey, John Talford, William Talford, Matthew Thornton, Robert McMurphy, Daniel Rindge, & Joshua Talford, and to their respective heirs and Assigns forever, the other Moiety thereof, according to their respective Rights and shares in said Alexandria, upon the following Terms, Conditions, Limitations & Reservations, That is to Say, That one third Part of said Land, is hereby reserved to the said Grantors, their heirs and assigns forever—Viz<sup>t</sup> Lott Number 74, N<sup>o</sup> 40, N<sup>o</sup> 128, N<sup>o</sup> 38, N<sup>o</sup> 49, N<sup>o</sup> 122, N<sup>o</sup> 24, N<sup>o</sup> 94, N<sup>o</sup> 119, N<sup>o</sup> 121, N<sup>o</sup> 70, N<sup>o</sup> 95, N<sup>o</sup> 58, N<sup>o</sup> 10, N<sup>o</sup> 50, N<sup>o</sup> 36, N<sup>o</sup> 55, N<sup>o</sup> 67, N<sup>o</sup> 136, N<sup>o</sup> 126, N<sup>o</sup> 3, N<sup>o</sup> 84, N<sup>o</sup> 125, N<sup>o</sup> 17, N<sup>o</sup> 42, N<sup>o</sup> 29, N<sup>o</sup> 61, N<sup>o</sup> 90, N<sup>o</sup> 18, N<sup>o</sup> 37, N<sup>o</sup> 83, N<sup>o</sup> 102, N<sup>o</sup> 120, N<sup>o</sup> 43, N<sup>o</sup> 92, N<sup>o</sup> 118, N<sup>o</sup> 4, N<sup>o</sup> 106, N<sup>o</sup> 19, N<sup>o</sup> 14, N<sup>o</sup> 71, N<sup>o</sup> 7, N<sup>o</sup> 15, N<sup>o</sup> 39 & N<sup>o</sup> 46, and two Lotts in the Plan return'd of said Tract, a third of which said two Lotts is reserved to said Grantors, and belongs to their said third part, of said Land, besides the particular Lotts beforemention'd, which said reserved third part shall be held by said Grantors, free from all Taxes, and charges whatever, that may arise concerning the Roads, buildings, Ministry, settlements and other Publick affairs, whatever, untill the Grantors Lands shall be improved, & then only the particular Lott so improved, shall be Liable, and all the white Pine trees fit for his Majesty's Use, for Masting his Royal Navy, growing on said Premises are hereby reserved for that Use.— That said Grantees shall have thirty Families on every twenty thousand Acres on said Tract hereby granted, and so in the same proportion for a greater or Less quantity of Land, and all the Settlers to be got on and reside on said Land within three years from the date of this Grant, which tract of Land being supposed of an Oblong form, shall be divided in the Centre into two Parishes, and that in each Parish shall be Laid out in the center thereof, or as near as may be, a Lot in a square form, containing at Least ten Acres, for a Burying Yard, Training Field, Meeting house and other Publick Uses forever, And nearly adjoining to said Lot, another of one hundred & fifty Acres, for the use of a Publick School, also another Lott of One hundred & fifty Acres, for the use of the first settled Minister forever, another Lott adjoining thereto of one hundred & fifty acres for the use of the Ministry forever, That said Grantees build an house for Publick Worship, of thirty Six feet square at Least On said ten Acre Lot within three years from the date hereof and Also within that time

shall build a Saw Mill and Grist Mill, and if any Grantee or Grantees, in three years from this date, shall not settle the Number of Families required to be settled, by this Grant in proportion to his Right or Share in said Land, such delinquent Grantee or Grantees shall forfeit to said Grantors their heirs and assigns so much of such delinquents Right or shares in said Land, as shall amount to one thirtieth part of the whole of said Grant, for the use of said Grantors, as if this Grant had never been made, and it shall be Lawfull for them their Heirs & Assigns, or their attorney duly appointed to reenter into any such Rights or Lands and become reseised & repossessed of the same, The Duty of Settlement is hereby meant, that upon each settling Lott there shall be built a dwelling house equal to sixteen feet square, and six Acres improved in Mowing, Tillage and under fence,—That within Ninety days from this date, the Lotts of said Grantees, shall be drawn or divided, and a Schedule of the Numbers returned to the said Grantors within that time, with a List of the settling Lotts, & the Lotts thereto belonging, and that said Grantees within said ninety days, shall Vote an Acceptance of both said Grants, and make a record of such Acceptance,—The Land in said Tract given to the abovenamed William Bailey is to be understood as granted to him, upon this condition, that in case he consent to take his part given in said Alexandria, as in the Grant thereof *of even date with this*, and to draw for the share given herein to him, in Proportion to his Right or Share before mention'd, Then he shall be intitled to what is herein given to him, otherwise the same is hereby granted, to the other Grantees and to their heirs and Assigns in the same Proportion as the other Lands herein given them,—That each Grantee Shall give to the Grantors Bonds in the penal sum of five hundred pounds Lawfull Money in the whole, for the performance of the said terms and conditions of Settlement according to this Grant, which Bonds shall be given within three months in proportion to each Grantee's Right in said Lands, and if any Grantee or Grantees, shall refuse or neglect to sign such Bonds within that time, his or their Rights or Shares, shall be forfeited for the use of the Grantees who shall sign such bond, To Hold to them their Heirs & assigns in Proportion to each Grantees Right in said Grant—

[*Proprietors' Reservations in Alexandria, 1773.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, July 14, 1773, and Masonian Papers, Vol 5, p. 22.]

Province of New Hampsh<sup>r</sup>—Portsmouth July 14<sup>th</sup> 1773 Wednesday three of the Clock afternoon at the dwelling house of James

Stoodly Esq<sup>r</sup> Innholder the Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Whereas the Proprietors, at their Meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1773 passed a Grant to Jonas Minot Jonathan Bagley William Bayley Matthew Thornton and others, of a tract of land called Alexandria described and bounded in Said Grant, and in which Grant Twenty Rights or Shares in Said Tract of land are reserved and described by the numbers of the Lots for the use of the Grantors, and were drawn by Lot in Common with the Lotts of the Grantees of a former Grant, and Severed to each Proprietor as by a Schedule of the Drafts of the Lots—but said former Grant being forfeited to the Grantors and they having resumed and reentered the Land in their former Estate—and as the appropriation to each Proprietors right, to the said twenty shares reserved, is not particularly expressed in their Grant and Reservation—which passed the Seventh day of July 1773—Therefore Voted that the Said twenty Rights or Shares be and hereby are Severed and appropriated to the Rights of the Proprietors the Grantors, agreeable to the draft of the Rights and Lotts, as entered in the Schedule before mentioned, and shall be as follow's—viz<sup>t</sup>—

To John Moffatt Esq<sup>r</sup>—N<sup>o</sup> 9 in first division N<sup>o</sup> 45 in 2<sup>d</sup> divis<sup>n</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 38 in 3<sup>d</sup> division

To Thomas Packer Esq<sup>r</sup>—N<sup>o</sup> 32 in D<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 21 in d<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 6 in d<sup>o</sup>

To John Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup>—N<sup>o</sup> 46 in d<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 60 in d<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 30 in d<sup>o</sup>

To Thomas Wallingford Esq<sup>r</sup>—N<sup>o</sup> 8 in d<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 22 in d<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 28 in d<sup>o</sup>

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Meserve Blanchard &c<sup>e</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 62 in d<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 52 in d<sup>o</sup> half of N<sup>o</sup> 16 in d<sup>o</sup>

To George Jaffrey Esq<sup>r</sup>—N<sup>o</sup> 36 in d<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 54 in d<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 18 in d<sup>o</sup>

To the Proprietors in common N<sup>o</sup> 55 in d<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 9 in d<sup>o</sup> half N<sup>o</sup> 3 in d<sup>o</sup>

To Thomlinson and Mason N<sup>o</sup> 60 in d<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 4 in d<sup>o</sup> half N<sup>o</sup> 2 in d<sup>o</sup>

To Solly & March—half N<sup>o</sup> 12 in d<sup>o</sup> } N<sup>o</sup> 43 in d<sup>o</sup>—

N<sup>o</sup> 71 in d<sup>o</sup> }

To William Parker Esq<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 34 in d<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 8 in d<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 51 in d<sup>o</sup>

To Joshua Peirce Esq<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 15 in d<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 69 in d<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 21—in d<sup>o</sup>

To Richard Wibird Esq<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 4 in d<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 56 in d<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 29 in d<sup>o</sup>

To John Rindge—N<sup>o</sup> 58 in d<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 35 in d<sup>o</sup> half N<sup>o</sup> 3 in d<sup>o</sup>

To Peirce & Moore half N<sup>o</sup> 25 in d<sup>o</sup> } N<sup>o</sup> 41—in d<sup>o</sup>—

N<sup>o</sup> 31 in d<sup>o</sup> }

To Jotham Odiorne Esq<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 45 in d<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 44 in d<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 5 in d<sup>o</sup>

To Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 61, in d<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 67 in d<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 17 in d<sup>o</sup>

To Mathew Livermore Esq<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 33 in d<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 48 in d<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 35 in d<sup>o</sup>

To Mark Hunk<sup>s</sup> Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 54 in d<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 40 in d<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 15 in d<sup>o</sup>

To the Proprietors in Common N<sup>o</sup> 27 in d<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 24 in d<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 27 in d<sup>o</sup>  
 To Joseph Blanchard Esq<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 66 }  
   N<sup>o</sup> 77 } in d<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 78 in d<sup>o</sup>—

And The above Said two Rights reserved to the Proprietors y<sup>e</sup> Grantors in Common be disposed of as the Said Proprietors shall hereafter order and determine and whereas there are also other thirty Lots in Said Tract of land called Alexandria granted July y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1773, which be reserved to the Proprietors the Grantors the Numbers of which are mentioned in the Grant—

Voted that the Same be drawn for instantly, two Lots to each Proprietor, and that the two Lots drawn to the proprietor's Share, to whom drawn, shall be So Severed to them their heirs and assigns in Severalty; and are drawn and entered as follow's viz'

- 1<sup>st</sup> To John Moffatt Esq<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 31—in 3<sup>d</sup> division—N<sup>o</sup> 1—in 3<sup>d</sup> division
- 2<sup>d</sup> To Mark Hunk<sup>s</sup> Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 64—in 1<sup>st</sup> d<sup>o</sup>—N<sup>o</sup> 15—in 2<sup>d</sup> d<sup>o</sup>
- 3 To Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 81—in 1<sup>st</sup> d<sup>o</sup>—N<sup>o</sup> 33—in 3<sup>d</sup> d<sup>o</sup>
- 4 To Jotham Odiorne Esq<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 11—in 1<sup>st</sup> d<sup>o</sup>—N<sup>o</sup> 22—in 3<sup>d</sup> d<sup>o</sup>
- 5 To Solley and March—N<sup>o</sup> 69—in 1<sup>st</sup> d<sup>o</sup>—N<sup>o</sup> 61—in 2<sup>d</sup> d<sup>o</sup>
- 6 To Meserve Blanchard &c N<sup>o</sup> 28—in 1<sup>st</sup> d<sup>o</sup>—N<sup>o</sup> 40—in 1<sup>st</sup> d<sup>o</sup>
- 7 To George Jaffrey Esq<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 10—in 1<sup>st</sup> d<sup>o</sup>—N<sup>o</sup> 41—in 1<sup>st</sup> d<sup>o</sup>
- 8 To Joshua Peirce Esq<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 78—in 1<sup>st</sup> d<sup>o</sup>—N<sup>o</sup> 79—in 1<sup>st</sup> d<sup>o</sup>
- 9 To Peirce & Moore N<sup>o</sup> 49—in 3<sup>d</sup> d<sup>o</sup>—N<sup>o</sup> 34—in 3<sup>d</sup> d<sup>o</sup>
- 10 To Thomas Packer Esq<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 47—in 3<sup>d</sup> d<sup>o</sup>—N<sup>o</sup> 70—in 1<sup>st</sup> d<sup>o</sup>
- 11 To John Rindge—N<sup>o</sup> 27—in 2<sup>d</sup> d<sup>o</sup>—N<sup>o</sup> 76—in 1<sup>st</sup> d<sup>o</sup>
- 12 To Richard Wibird Esq<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 29—in 1<sup>st</sup> d<sup>o</sup>—N<sup>o</sup> 8—in 3<sup>d</sup> d<sup>o</sup>
- 13 To Thomas Walingford Esq<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 48—in 1<sup>st</sup> division N<sup>o</sup> 7—in 3<sup>d</sup> division
- 14 To John Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 14—in 2<sup>d</sup> d<sup>o</sup>—N<sup>o</sup> 12—in 3<sup>d</sup> d<sup>o</sup>
- 15 To Thomlinson & Mason N<sup>o</sup> 23—in 2<sup>d</sup> d<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 6—in 2<sup>d</sup> d<sup>o</sup>

There being also another Tract of Land granted to the aforesaid Minot Bagley Bailey Thornton and others, on the aforesaid Seventh day of July in which Grant there being reserved to each of the Proprietors the Grantors three Lots to each Proprietors Right or Share in Said Tract of land, which Tract is adjoining to Alexandria aforesaid, and described and bounded in Said Grant, and the numbers of the Said reserved Lots are also mentioned in Said Grant—Therefore Voted That three of the Said reserved Lots be instantly drawn for, to each of the Said Proprietors Shares or Right in Said Tract of land, and being So drawn, and entered to each of the Proprietors respectively, that each of the three Lots shall be a Severance of the Same as drawn to the Right of Said Proprietors, their respective

Heirs and Assigns—The draft of the three Lots to each Proprietor's Share or Right is as follow's—viz<sup>t</sup>—

- 1<sup>st</sup> To George Jaffrey Esq<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 106—N<sup>o</sup> 49—N<sup>o</sup> 55
- 2<sup>d</sup> To John Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 39—N<sup>o</sup> 70—N<sup>o</sup> 125—
- 3<sup>d</sup> To Mark Hunk<sup>s</sup> Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 38—N<sup>o</sup> 36—N<sup>o</sup> 61—
- 4<sup>th</sup> To Richard Wibird Esq<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 121—N<sup>o</sup> 84—N<sup>o</sup> 120
- 5<sup>th</sup> To Solley and March—N<sup>o</sup> 74—N<sup>o</sup> 58—N<sup>o</sup> 17
- 6 To Thomlinson & Mason N<sup>o</sup> 42—N<sup>o</sup> 118—N<sup>o</sup> 128—
- 7 To Jotham Odiorne Esq<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 71—N<sup>o</sup> 94—N<sup>o</sup> 126
- 8 To Peirce and Moore N<sup>o</sup> 50—N<sup>o</sup> 29—N<sup>o</sup> 4—
- 9 To Thomas Packer Esq<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 24—N<sup>o</sup> 136—N<sup>o</sup> 37—
- 10 To Joshua Peirce Esq<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 43—N<sup>o</sup> 46—N<sup>o</sup> 95
- 11 To Meserve Blanchard &<sup>ca</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 83—N<sup>o</sup> 7—N<sup>o</sup> 119—
- 12 To John Rindge—N<sup>o</sup> 3—N<sup>o</sup> 102—N<sup>o</sup> 15—
- 13 To John Moffatt Esq<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 92—N<sup>o</sup> 40—N<sup>o</sup> 10
- 14 To Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 67—N<sup>o</sup> 18—N<sup>o</sup> 14
- 15 To Thomas Walingford Esq<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 90—N<sup>o</sup> 19—N<sup>o</sup> 122

[*Grantees' Lots in Alexandria and Alexandria Addition, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 24.]

At a Legal Meeting of the Proprietors, of the Township of Alexandria, & Alexandria Addition Held at the Dwelling House of Col. Stephen Holland Esq. in Londonderry, in the County of Rockingham, & Province of New Hampshire, Sep<sup>r</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> A D 1773.—The Proprietors Drew the Lots, Annexed to their Names in the following schedule (viz).—

	N <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>n</sup>	N <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>n</sup>	N <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>n</sup>
Jonas Minot Gent. in Alexandria	1	1	16	2	42	3
N <sup>o</sup>						
Said Minots Lots in Alexandria Addition 2,, 32,,	17	1	17	2	40	3
124,, 130,, 76,, 47,, 93,, 100,, 112,, 115,, 36,,	23½	1	30	2	52	3
25,, 23,, 44,, 101,, 107,, 138,, 63,, 111,, 134,,	21	1	31	2	26	3
64,, 137,, 77,, 59,, 60,, 65,, 66,, 31,, 28,, —	22	1	32	2	16½	3
	39	1	33	2	4	3
	25½	1	34	2	39	3
	63	1	57	2	48	3
	24½	1	59	2	50	3
	51	1	20	2	2½	3
	75	1	58	2	43	3
	26	1	65	2	9	3
	47	1	38	2	44	3
	30	1	29	2	41	3
	65	1	13	2		
	43	1	19	2		
	59	1	53	2		
			74	2		
			66	2		
			12	2		
			50	2		
			25	2		
			26	2		
			5	2		
			49	2		
			63	2		
			7	2		
			10	2		
Matthew Thornton Esq in Alexandria	6	1	18	2	32	3
D <sup>o</sup> in Alexandria Addition 96,, 91,, 34,, 21,, 54	16	1	42	2	36	3
,, 87,, 133,, 26,, 113,, 116,, 129½.	18	1	68	2	46	3
	24½	1	28	2		
	72	1	72	2		
	12½	1				
Maj <sup>r</sup> John Tolford's Lots in Alexandria	38	1	36	2	19	3
D <sup>o</sup> in Alexandria Addition 27,, 79,, 16,, 88,, 78,,	37	1	64	2	37	3
105,,	68	1	11	2		
Deacon William Tolford's Lots in Alexandria—	73	1	1	2		
	19	1	46	2		
D <sup>o</sup> in Alexandria Addition 22,, 132,, 33,, 103,,	2	1				
117,, 20,, 6,,	56	1				
	52	1				
	80	1			10	3
Robert Macmurphy's Lots, in Alexandria	3	1	3	2	13	3
D <sup>o</sup> in Alexandria Addition 69,, 73,, 56,, 1,, 30,,	5	1	47	2	14	3
97,, 108,, one third of the Half of 129—	7	1			45	3
	13	1				

	N <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>n</sup>	N <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>n</sup>	N <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>n</sup>
The Hon <sup>ble</sup> Daniel Rindge Esq's Lots, in Alexandria—	53	1			25	3
D <sup>o</sup> in Alexandria addition 13 & 89—						
Joshua Tolford Esq's Lot in Alexandria.					24	3
D <sup>o</sup> in Alexandria addition, 11—						
To be Divided between the Grantors, & Grantees.—						
in Alexandria Addition 45 & 85.—						
Col. Jonathan Bagley's Lots, in Alexandria—	35	1	37	2		
D <sup>o</sup> in Alexandria Addition 131,, 99,, 109,, 135,, 12½—	20	1	39	2		
Cap <sup>t</sup> William Bailey's Lots in Alexandria	57	1				
the two Rights Reserved, which if he takes he, is to have no part in Alexandria addition & in Case s <sup>d</sup> Bailey takes only his Proportion as other Grantees in Alexandria, he is to have in Alexandria Addition 57,, 98,, 86,, 35,, & 12½.— Otherwise the last mentioned numbers, to be Divided among the other Grantees.—	14	1	51	2	23	3
	67	1	70	2		
	23½	1				

Publick Lots in Alexandria Addition, 57,, 68,, 75,, 81,, 82,, 98—

John & William Tolford, & Robert Macmurphy, one Half, no., 129.—in Alexandria Addition

[*Matthew Thornton to Proprietors, about Alexandria, 1773.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 25.*]

Londonderry, Oct<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> A D 1773.

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir/

The Bearer, M<sup>r</sup> Macmurphy, Can inform you that I have Drawn my Lots in Alexandria & Alexandria addition. My Circumstances Makes it impossible for me to be at Portsmouth, to Signe &c a Bond for my part of the five Hundred Pound. I would have Signed, & Sealed one & Sent it, but I doe not know the form that you Chuse to have them Drawn, I intend to be at Portsmouth the week After next, or very Soon, & Sign a Bond for my part to all your Satisfactions. pray Sir dont let my not being Able to Come Sooner, Make me losse my Interest. Excuse my giving you this trouble. I am Sir your very Hble ser<sup>t</sup>

Matthew Thornton

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Daniel Rogers Esq Portsmouth

[*Petition of Jonas Minot, 1780.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 26.*]

February 15 1780 To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Proprietors of the Lands Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqr Lying in Newhampshire the Petition of Jonas Minot in behalf of M<sup>r</sup> Merril, M<sup>r</sup> Ardway & M<sup>r</sup> Day—humbly Shewing—that those Persons are Desireous of Setling on the Proprietors Land adjoining Newlondon in the County of hillsborough—& pray that the Proprietors would Grant to Each of them Severally fifty Acres of Land wheare they have made Improvements—uppon Such Terms of Settlements as they May See Cause—and Sell to Each of those Persons fifty acres of Land adjoining those Settlements uppon Terms agreed uppon—and as In Duty Bound in behalf of those Persons Shall Ever Pray

Jonas Minot

an answer Inclosed and Directed to M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Minot Goldsmith in Boston is Earnestly Desired—

[Endorsed] to write Minot that y<sup>e</sup> 3 men may have 100 Acres each to pay one Silver dollar an acre for each 100 Acres to keep constant setlem<sup>t</sup> and have a good dwelling house &c<sup>e</sup>

wrote dated March 28<sup>th</sup> 1780

[*Grantees' Lots in Alexandria.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 27.*]

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>d</sup>	3 <sup>d</sup>	division
Mathew Thornton Esq <sup>r</sup> N <sup>o</sup>	6.	68.	—	and no more
David Burnside	75.	15.	1/4	16
John Moffatt Esq <sup>r</sup>	×	9.	45.	38
Ezekiel Grealy	73.	28.	1/4	76 in y <sup>e</sup> first
Jonathan Butterfield	14.	51.	23.	
Samuel Merrel Jun <sup>r</sup>	48.	19.	26	
Zachariah Spalding	7.	3.	36	
Thomas Packer Esq <sup>r</sup>	×	32.	21.	6
Mark Gould	65.	47.	1/4	78 in y <sup>e</sup> first
Benoni Juel	79.	72.	1/4	12 in y <sup>e</sup> first
Robert Livingstone	28.	16	32	
Henerey Snow	64.	33.	1/4	78 in y <sup>e</sup> first
Phineas Underwood	68.	66.	1/4	23 in y <sup>e</sup> first
John Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup>	×	46.	60.	30—
Joseph Cockran	70.	58.	1/4	24 in y <sup>e</sup> first
Thomas Wallingford Esq	×	8.	22.	28



John Sterns . . . . .	19.	11.	9	
Robert Fletcher . . . . .	30.	38.	8	
Meserve & Others . . . . .	× 62.	52.	½16	
Jonathan Griffin . . . . .	63.	65.	81	in the first
John Hutchinson . . . . .	47.	17.	43.—	
Andrew Clandining . . . . .	1.	6.	7.	
Robert Fletcher Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	67.	70.	½23	in y <sup>e</sup> first
George Jaffery Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	× 36.	54.	18.	
Joseph Barons . . . . .	44.	74.	39	
Robert Clandining . . . . .	22.	12.	24.	
Thomas Cowan . . . . .	26.	30.	14	
Joseph Buterfield Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	35.	63.	49	
Blank Prop <sup>rs</sup> . . . . .	× 55.	9.	½3	
Nathaniel Holmes . . . . .	80.	10.	½25	in y <sup>e</sup> first
Elijah Fletcher . . . . .	40.	61.	40.	
John Wallace Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	43.	14.	44	
William M <sup>c</sup> Clure . . . . .	2.	5.	50	
James Gregg . . . . .	21.	31.	34	
Thomas Juel . . . . .	53.	49.	42.	
Joseph Wright . . . . .	3.	7.	20.	
Tomlinson & Mason . . . . .	× 60.	4.	½2.	
Soley & March . . . . .	× 71.	43.	½12	in y <sup>e</sup> first
David Craig . . . . .	59.	50	½2.	
Thomas MacGlauglan . . . . .	69.	18.	½24	in y <sup>e</sup> first
Hugh Ramsey . . . . .	10.	59.	19.—	
Zacariah Sterns . . . . .	52.	1.	41	
Ruben Butterfield . . . . .	20.	25.	46	
William Parker Esq . . . . .	× 34.	8.	51	
John Harvill . . . . .	11.	46.	22	
Jonathan Peram . . . . .	57.	39.	1	
Daniel Marel . . . . .	51.	29.	4	
David Clandining . . . . .	13.	23.	37.	
Joshua Peirce Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	× 15.	69.	21.	
John Wallace . . . . .	17.	27.	25.	
James Miller . . . . .	72.	42.	½76	in y <sup>e</sup> first
Samuel Steel . . . . .	41.	32.	47.	
Timothy Taylor . . . . .	56.	57.	52.	
Jacob Fletcher . . . . .	29.	36.	45.	
William Wallace . . . . .	5.	13.	13.	
Richard Wiberd Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	× 4.	56.	29	
John Rindge . . . . .	× 58.	35.	½3.	
Samuel Alison . . . . .	16.	34.	10.	
William Parker . . . . .	37.	53.	33.	

Nehemiah Lovel . . . . .	39.	37.	31.
Peirce & More . . . . .	× 31.	41.	½25 in y <sup>e</sup> first
Joseph Blanchard Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	× 66.	73.	77. in y <sup>e</sup> first
Mathew Wright . . . . .	18.	26.	12.
Jotham Odiorne . . . . .	× 45.	44.	5
Theodore Atkinson Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	× 61.	67.	17.
Mathew Livermore Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	× 33.	48.	35.
James Cowan . . . . .	38.	64.	48.
Mark H <sup>s</sup> Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	× 54.	40.	15.
Blank Prop <sup>rs</sup> . . . . .	× 27.	24.	27.
Mill Lotts . . . . .	74.	2.	—
School Lotts . . . . .	49.	62.	
Ministerial Lotts . . . . .	42.	71.	11.
Parsonage . . . . .	50.	55.	20

The above is a true Copy of the Schedule & Drafts of the Lotts of Alexandria attested by

Robert MacMurphy Propriater's Clark

[*A Fragment Relating to Alexandria.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 28.]

be appropriated to the Use & Benefit of the Proprietors—reserving to certain Persons inhabiting and improving in the said Town as follows

We a Committee for rendring a State of the Affairs of the Proprietors as will appear by Vote the 28<sup>th</sup> June 1771.

Do make the following Report of the State of the Township called Alexandria

That it appears to us the s<sup>d</sup> Township being forfeited for non Compliance &c<sup>a</sup> &c<sup>a</sup>

That there are three Houses with Families resident in the said Town &c<sup>a</sup>

That there are 5 Persons who have some land improved &c<sup>a</sup>

[on the reverse is]

Perry's Town 7 Families & Houses 8 Persons begun

New Brittain 14 Families & Houses 8 Persons begun

[*Report on Lots in Alexandria, 1822.*]

[Extract from Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 52.]

## List of Lands in Alexandria

Lot Number 49 in 3<sup>d</sup> Division Midling lot with two Settlers on it John Lock, & John Woodbury, Lock has Cleared about Ten Acres in low Circumstances. Woodbury has Cleared about twenty Acres, has a Decent Dwelling house & born

N<sup>o</sup> 79 in the first Division Midling lot hardwood

Groth 110 Acres 3:50 Per acre

N<sup>o</sup> 78 in first Div<sup>n</sup> Poor 2

N<sup>o</sup> 6 in 2 div<sup>n</sup> very Poor 1

N<sup>o</sup> 60 in first Div<sup>n</sup> Occupied by Eliphalet Blake, about twelve Acres Cleared not more than Midling, he Says he Purchaised of Peirce & haven 2

## ALLENSTOWN.

[Granted, May 11, 1722, to the children of Gov. Samuel Allen, and named in honor of Gov. Allen. Incorporated July 2, 1831. A portion of Allenstown was included in Pembroke, incorporated Nov. 1, 1759. A part of Bow east of the Merrimack River was annexed to Allenstown in June, 1815.]

See XI, Hammond Town Papers, 39; Index to Laws, 17; sketch, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 163; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 302.]

[*Votes Relating to Allenstown, 1750.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, April 25, 1750, and Papers, Vol. 5, p. 29.]

Province of New Hampshire } Portsmouth April 25<sup>th</sup> 1750—wen'sday five of y<sup>e</sup>  
 } Clock afternoon at the house of Ann Slayton  
 The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Whereas Thomas Packer Esqu<sup>r</sup> on y<sup>e</sup> Eleaventh of April Instant was appointed in behalf of this Propriety to grant part of a tract of land belonging to this Propriety at a place known by the name of Allens Town & y<sup>e</sup> Gore of land lying between that tract & Bow So called to Such persons as he shall see cause, under such Conditions &<sup>ca</sup> as he shall think best for y<sup>e</sup> Interest of the Proprietors provided he gives no more to the grantees than one thousand Acres of Said Land,—Voted That James Cochran of Londonderry be one of the Grantees & that M<sup>r</sup> Packer be desired to insert his name in the grant he Shall make by virtue of y<sup>e</sup> Vote aforesaid.

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Sept. 13, 1750.]

Province of New Hampshire } Portsmouth September 13<sup>th</sup> 1750 Thursday Six  
of the Clock afternoon at the house of Ann  
Slayton—The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Voted That Joshua Peirce & Thomas Packer Esq<sup>rs</sup> be a Committee to employ a Surveyor &c<sup>a</sup> to lay out and make a Division of the tract of land called Allens Town into fifteen equal Shares and only two Lots to a Share to be coupled in equal value as near as may be, and planning suitable high ways, and return a Compleat Plann thereof and then the Said shares to be drawn for by Said Proprietors—

[*Agreement for Fencing Allenstown, 1750.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 30.]

Articles of Agreement made the Sixteenth Day of May one thousand seven hundred & fifty Between Thomas packer of portsmouth in province of New hampshire Esq<sup>r</sup> as Agent for & in the behalf of the propritors of the land in said province purchasd of Cap<sup>t</sup> John Tufton mason Esq<sup>r</sup> of the one part and Daniel Marston of North hampton Andrew M<sup>c</sup>Clary Samuel Blake Dearbon Blake of Epsum William brown Clough Benjamin potter of nottingham Nathan Clough of Kensington Daved Conner & Cap<sup>t</sup> moses foster of Bow Samuel Conner thomas Lucas James Lucas Kingsly hall James Joseph Conner Gilman Dudley & William fullington all of Exeter & John Cochran of Londonderry all said places being in the Province of new hampshire of the Other part as follows Viz the said thomas packer By Virtue of & pursuant to a Vote of the Said propritors him thereunto authorizing & Impowering Hath Given & Granted & by these presents Doth Give Grant Bargain & Convey Unto the Said Parties for & in Consideration of the Several Matters & things by them to Be Done as is herein after Set forth & on the terms & Conditions herein after set forth all the Right title Intrest Estate & property of the said propritors of in & Unto One Thousand acres of Land in said province out of a Tract of Land lying at & Comprehending a Tract of Land heretofore Called Allen Town which Larger Tract of which the said thousand acres is parcle is Bounded as follows viz—Beginning at the south East Corner of Epsum whare It joins to Nottingham thence Runing on Epsum line the same point till it Intersets the line of Bow thence Runing on Bow line till it intersects a line Continued from the Northerly side of Chester on

the same Course that side line runs thence Runing by the side of Chester till it Comes to the head line of Nottingham & thence Upon that line to the place Where it begins & the said thousand acres are bounded as follows viz—Begining on Bow line aforesaid so far to the North East as to be Clear of the Improvements of those persons who have Entr<sup>d</sup> Upon the tract of land aforesaid thence Run on their line which they have Improved to namly South South East so far as that two lines the one perallel to the line of Bow and the other perallel to that next to Epsum runing to the line of Bow Shall make Up the said Quantity of one thousand acres to have & to hold to the Said parties the Grantees & their Respective heirs & assigns Equally Divided into Equal shares on the Terms & Conditions following that is to say that the said Grantees their Heirs or assigns Shall within two months from the Date hereof Enclose the said Larger Tract with a Good fence Sufficient to perserve the barbage thereof or make so much fence as that with other peoples fences the whole of the Said tract may Be Enclosed and that a Bridge be built by them their heirs or assigns over Great Suncook River at the Island their within one year from the date hereof that they keep Up the said fence seven year from the first making & perfecting the same—that they the said Grantees their heirs & assigns shall not fall or Destroy the timber Growing on the said larger tract and shall Do what they Can to prevent the same from being Dun by others by forbidding the same & by Giving notis of the same to the propritors that Each of the said Grantees their heirs or assigns have a hous Upon sum part of his lot or share aforesaid built & a family settled their within two years from the Date hereof

And in Case any of the said Grantees shall fail of Doing his proportion of the labour service & pay his part of the Cost & Charge which the said Grantees shall Be at he shall forfeit his Share of said Grant to those of them who shall Do & perform the same according to the Intent & meauing hereof but in Case the said matters & things herebefore mentioned Shall not Be done by the said Grantees their heirs or assigns according to the true Intent & meaning hereof within the times & periods before limited & fixed herein as aforesaid then the said Grantees shall hereby forfeit their Right Share & Intrust herein to the said propritors & this Grant shall become Utterly Null & Void as tho it had never been made In witness whereof the parties to these presents have hereunto Inter changeably set their hands & seals the Day & year first above written Signed Sealed & Delivered in presence of us

moses foster  
Daniel marston

Thomas <sup>mc</sup>Luckas  
James Luckas

kingsly hall jams  
Sam<sup>n</sup> Connor

W <sup>m</sup> brown Clough	William fullerton	Gilman Dudely
Samuel Blake	David Connor	James Cockron
Darbon blak	Nathan Clough	Joseph conner
Benjamin Potter	Andrew <sup>m</sup> cClery	

[A duplicate of the foregoing document on p. 29 of the manuscript volume, bears the following certificates:]

Province of }  
 New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> } Exeter Nov<sup>r</sup> 21<sup>t</sup> 1750  
 Then Daniel Marston, Andrew M<sup>c</sup>Clery, William Brown Clough,  
 Sam<sup>l</sup> Connor Thomas M<sup>c</sup>Lucas James Luckas, Joseph Connor,  
 William Fullerton and James Cochran Aforenamed, Personally  
 Appeared and Acknowledged the foregoing Instrument to be their  
 free act and Deed

Before me

Sam<sup>n</sup> Gilman Just<sup>s</sup> Pacis

Province of New hampshear Decem<sup>br</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1750

Then m<sup>r</sup> Gilman Dudely and Benj<sup>a</sup> Potter within named parsnally  
 appeared and acknowledged thair hands and Seals and the with in  
 written Instroment to be thair valentary actt & Deed before me—

Joshua Wingate Justice Peace

Signed Sealed and delivered by Moses Foster Joseph Sinclair  
 Thomas Hines Samuel Conner Junior in presence of us—

Walter Bryant

Thomas m<sup>c</sup>Lucas

Province of }  
 New Hampshire } Bow December 3<sup>d</sup> 1752

Then Joseph Sinclair Thomas Hines & Samuel Conner Jun<sup>r</sup>  
 within named personall appeared and Acknoleged the within  
 Instruement to be their Voluntary Act & Deed before me

moses foster Jus peace

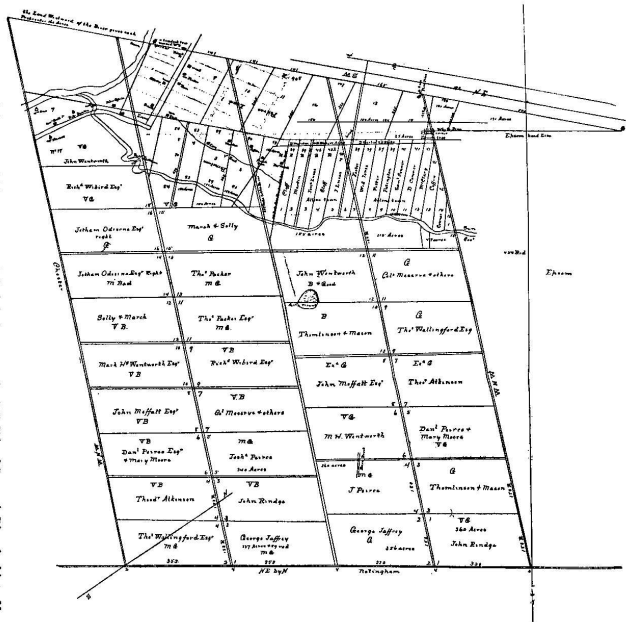
[*Proprietors' Reservations in Allenstown, 1752.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, May 18, 1752, and Papers, Vol. 5,  
 p. 29.]

Province of } Portsmouth May y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1752. monday four of  
 New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon at the house of Ann Slayton  
 the Proprietors meet according to adjournment

Whereas Mess<sup>rs</sup> Joshua Peirce & Thomas Packer Esqu<sup>rs</sup> have at  
 this Meeting Returned a plan of Allens Town so Called which is

[Plan of Altonstown, 1752.]



A true Plan of that Part of Alton Town so Called having upon the S. E. Side of Sunnokok River lyt into fifteen Equal Shares, and put into a Share compiled in equal Value, excepting the Shares in the turns of Sunnokok River which remained Undivided, by Walker Bryant Surveyor & Tho<sup>s</sup> Parker & John<sup>s</sup> Perce Comities Agreeable to Vote  
 Attest Jos<sup>h</sup> Perce  
 Tho Packer  
 May 1752

Prov: of New Hamp<sup>t</sup> Portsm<sup>o</sup> May 18<sup>th</sup> 1752

At a Meeting of the Prop<sup>ts</sup>—Vord that this Plan & the Return thereon be accepted  
 att: Geo Jaffey Prop<sup>ts</sup> Cler:  
 1752

This Plan of Alton's Town so called and of y<sup>e</sup> Gore is a Copy taken from the Original  
 by Geo: Jaffey Prop<sup>ts</sup> Cl

divided into fifteen Equal Shares Two lotts in a Share, in Consequence of a Vote of this Propriety of the 13<sup>th</sup> of September 1750 which plan has been approved of & Accepted agreeable to the Return thereon made & Signed and for as much as it will be for the Benefit of the Proprietors to have the same Severed that Each Particular Proprietor may hold & Enjoy his Share in Severalty—

Voted That the Several Shares be drawn for at this Meeting and that the particular Share Drawn to each Respective Proprietor's Right shall be to the Respective Proprietors to whom Entered as Drawn to hold the same in Severalty to them their Heirs & Assigns Respectively forever—

The Draft of the Proprietors Rights or Shares in Allens Town so called, as divided in the Plan Returned and Accepted, is as follow's, Namely, Two Lotts to a Share

1<sup>st</sup> To Theodore Atkinson Esqu<sup>r</sup>—N<sup>o</sup> 5 N<sup>o</sup> 7 in first Range & N<sup>o</sup> 4 in fourth Range

2 To Jn<sup>o</sup> Thomlinson & Cap<sup>t</sup> Tuft. Mason 3—n<sup>o</sup> 3 in first Range & n<sup>o</sup> 10 in Second Range

3 to Nath<sup>l</sup> Meserve Blanchard & n<sup>o</sup> 10—n<sup>o</sup> 11 in first Range & n<sup>o</sup> 7 in third Range

4 To Jn<sup>o</sup> Wentworth Esqu<sup>r</sup>—15—n<sup>o</sup> 12 in Second Range & n<sup>o</sup> 17 in fourth Range

5 To Jotham Odiorne's Esqu<sup>r</sup> Right—13—n<sup>o</sup> 14 in fourth Range & n<sup>o</sup> 16 in fourth Range

6 To John Rindge—1—n<sup>o</sup> 1 in first Range next Epsom & n<sup>o</sup> 3 in third Range

7 To Joshua Peirce Esqu<sup>r</sup>—8—n<sup>o</sup> 4 in Second Range & n<sup>o</sup> 5 in third Range

8 To George Jaffrey Esqu<sup>r</sup>—2—n<sup>o</sup> 2 in Second Range & n<sup>o</sup> 1 in third Range

9<sup>th</sup> To John Moffatt Esqu<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 7—n<sup>o</sup> 8 in Second Range & n<sup>o</sup> 8 in fourth Range

10 To Mark Hunk<sup>s</sup> Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> 9—n<sup>o</sup> 6 in Second Range & n<sup>o</sup> 10 in fourth Range

11 To Tho<sup>s</sup> Wallingford Esqu<sup>r</sup>—6—n<sup>o</sup> 9 in first Range & n<sup>o</sup> 2 in fourth Range

12 To Richard Wibird Esqu<sup>r</sup>—11—n<sup>o</sup> 9 in third Range & n<sup>o</sup> 18 in fourth Range

13 To Thomas Packer Esqu<sup>r</sup>—14—n<sup>o</sup> 11 in third Range & n<sup>o</sup> 13 in third Range

14 To Dan<sup>l</sup> Peirce Esq<sup>r</sup> & Mary Moore 4—n<sup>o</sup> 5 in first Range & n<sup>o</sup> 6 in fourth Range

15 To Sam<sup>l</sup> Solly & Clement March Esq<sup>rs</sup> 12—n<sup>o</sup> 15 in third Range & n<sup>o</sup> 12 in fourth Range



[*Votes of Proprietors, 1753.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 81, and Proprietors' Records.]

at a meeting Oct<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1752 Josh<sup>a</sup> Peirce and Tho<sup>s</sup> Packer Esq<sup>urs</sup> as com<sup>tes</sup> were empowered & desired to make agreem<sup>ts</sup> with Such Person or Persons who are Settled on S<sup>d</sup> Gore or said Tract called Allen's Town & to divide y<sup>e</sup> Remaind<sup>r</sup> into fifteen equal Lots or shares except y<sup>e</sup> mill Privileges at y<sup>e</sup> Island on Suncook River w<sup>ch</sup> is not to be divided but to be disposed of by y<sup>e</sup> com<sup>tes</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> best manner they Can for y<sup>e</sup> advantage of y<sup>e</sup> Propriety—

Whereas Clem<sup>t</sup> March Esq<sup>ur</sup> has enclosed a Quantity of Land in fence Situate in a place called Buck street near suncook River and butted on y<sup>e</sup> Lot N<sup>o</sup> 1 in s<sup>d</sup> Buckstreet and lays Southerly of Said lot and Contains about one hundred & twenty Acres more or less—

Voted That all y<sup>e</sup> Right & Title of Said Prop<sup>rs</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> said Tract of land be and hereby is granted to y<sup>e</sup> Said Clem<sup>t</sup> march his heirs & Assigns for ever as part of his Right for Quantity & Quality in y<sup>e</sup> lands yet to be divided amongst Prop<sup>rs</sup> to be Estimated by Tho<sup>s</sup> Packer & Josh<sup>a</sup> Peirce Esq<sup>urs</sup>

Vote pass<sup>d</sup> Aug: 27-1753—

[*Walter Bryant's Petition for Land in Allenstown, 1757.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 80.]

To the Honorable Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> & others Purchasers of Cap<sup>t</sup> John mason's Right to Lands in Newhampshire

Gentilmen I have Served you in Company with Joshua Peirce Esq<sup>r</sup> Late of Portsmouth Deceased at Sunkook in measuring Lands &C there to the amont of twenty four pounds old tenor & to Dit<sup>o</sup> in Company with Col<sup>o</sup> Meserve twenty pounds Like tenor which Sums hath ben Due a Considerable time & the Reason I have not Lodg'd my acmpt before is that I have had Great In-Curagement from those Gentilmen to have a tract of Land Lying on the westerly End of range number two in allien's town (So Called) which tract of Land is Bounded on the South Easterly Side by the Last Lott in Said Range and on the Southwesterly Side on the Road Left between the Said Second & y<sup>e</sup> third Range and on the northwest by the northwest Side of Sunkook River & on the northeast Side by the Road Left between Said Second & y<sup>e</sup> first Range of Lotts in Said town which If granted will be full Satisfaction for the above Sums

& I will Spend a week in your Service in those parts and Soon Settle a family thereon and I Shall Esteem it as a great gift & favour & am with Due Respect your very Humble Servent

Walter Bryant

Newmarket october y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1757—

[*Vote of Proprietors, 1757.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 31, and Proprietors' Records, Nov. 22, 1757.]

Province of } At a meeting of the Proprietors of the land spur-  
New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> } chased of John Tufton mason Esq<sup>r</sup> lying in the  
Province of New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> held by adjournment at Portsmouth on y<sup>e</sup>  
22<sup>d</sup> day of November 1757

Whereas at a meeting of said Proprietors held on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 1756—It appeared that Joshua Peirce and Thomas Packer Esq<sup>rs</sup> were appointed a Com<sup>'</sup>tee to make agreements with such Person or Persons who were settled on the Gore adjacent to allen's Town so called and part of said allens town adjoining to said Gore, which were intended to be divided into fifteen equal Shares or Rights to the fifteen Proprietors or their assigns &<sup>c</sup> &<sup>c</sup> and as the said Joshua Peirce Esq<sup>r</sup> is deceased, and said Thomas Packer Esq<sup>r</sup> declined said Service by himself Solely—It was then voted that Thomas Wallingford, Joseph Blanchard, Thomas Packer, Nathaniel Meserve, and Mark Hunking Wentworth Esq<sup>rs</sup> or any three of them be a Committee for and in behalf of said Proprietors, to make a Settlement with any person or Persons, who shall be settled upon any part of said Land or adjacent thereto within said Proprietors Claim, and to act upon any motion that may be made by the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of Bow, in the Most advantageous manner for this Propriety or to divide the said Tract of land, or the remainder thereof after they have settled for any particular Tracts with Particular persons, or to make sale of the same, as they the s<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>'</sup>tee or any three of them shall determine, and what the said Committee or any three of them shall do upon the Premises shall be final & Conclusive relating to said Premises and to make report of their doings therein within three months from the date of the above said meeting—and whereas the said Committee or any three of them have not made report of their Doing any matter upon the Premises—Therefore Voted That Nathaniel Meserve and George Jaffrey Esq<sup>rs</sup> and M<sup>r</sup> John Rindge be a Comittee for and in behalf of said Proprietors and they or any two Of them

are hereby Impowered and desired to do & Perform every or any matter and thing aforementioned to be done by either or both of the aforesaid Committees—and also to make a Settlement of the Line between the Township of Bow, with the proprietors of said Bow, and the adjacent lands of this propriety or of such as hold by or under them—and this last mentioned Committee take and use such assistance and means for said service as they shall think necessary & Convenient for said service—and what the said Committee or any two of them shall do upon or about the Premises shall be final & Conclusive relating to said Premises and to make report of their Doings therein within five months from this Date—

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[*Petition of George Walton, 1759.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 81.*]

To the Honourable Theod<sup>r</sup> atkinson and The other Gentelmen purchersor<sup>s</sup> of the mason propriety The Petetion of George Walton of portsmouth Being Incureged By Sundry Gentelmen of that Intrust To ask for a Tract of Land Due Therefore pray you will be So kind as To Bestoe me the four mill Squer that was Granted To the famely by his Honour Gover<sup>r</sup> Wentworth with the Councel In 1722 and Confermed in 1729 But if that Cannot be Begg y<sup>n</sup> will be plesed To give me that quantity In Nukes and Gores or other forme among or Between the former Grants But Should Be very Glad To have that Grant Confermed by the Gentelmen with whome it Now Lyes in the power: of To Do Ie am a grat Suffere<sup>r</sup> By not haveing that Land for I made a purchis of that and gaive Two hundred pound for it in 1730 when money So good But Gentlemen I may not Carve for my Self in that affair and if it Should not pleso you To accomodate me In Either of them Requestes Shall Be thankfull To you if youl Bestoe me a Township on the head Next To the Cochecho New Township Next the River at y<sup>e</sup> Lower End of y<sup>e</sup> pond of Six mills Squir or at a Better plase when I Shall know whare To Chouse if Libertie Be indulged me your favour in this Requist Will Gentlemen gratly oblige y<sup>r</sup> humble Sarvent—and Shall as in Duty Bound Ever Pray—Yours

George Walton

[*William Knox in Behalf of John Coffran of Allenstown, 1762.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 32.]

Allenstown april y<sup>e</sup> 12 1762

honoured Sir after my hartly servis to you altho not acquainted sir as I am Informed you are one of the Committe that hath the Disposel of Sume of the Lands Lying In allenstown Sir I Beg the favor of you that you will give John Coffrin a deed such as you give to other men and you and he must agree about the price Because of a particuler agreement that is between he and me and you will verey much oblige your humbel servant

witnes present

william knox

Thomas Lucas

William Knox

[*Petition of Walter Bryant, 1774.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 32.]

Province of New Hampshire } march y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1774 To the Pur-  
 Rockingham ss. — } chasers of the Right of Cap<sup>e</sup> John  
 Mason Late of London marchant Deceased The Petition of Walter  
 Bryant of Newmarket in y<sup>e</sup> County afore Said Esq<sup>r</sup> Humbly Shews  
 that whereas there is Sixty two acres of Land that was not Sever'd  
 but Lays in Comon & undivided in that tract of Land Comonly  
 Called Allien's town in Said County which Said Sixty two acres  
 Lays Adjacent to my Land in Said town & whereas I own about one  
 tenth part of Said town & also of Said Sixty two acres and that all  
 or the major part of the Lines & numbers that where formerly  
 made are Lost by Reason of age & fires &C and want much to be  
 perambulated for many Reason (I mention one viz the People Cutt  
 timber where they Chose & If Complained off they Say they thot it  
 to be on their own Land but the Bounds & Lines are So Lost that  
 they Can not tel where To Cutt) & your Petitioner having formerly  
 Laid out Said Lots perhaps may Do it better than a Stranger prays  
 he may be Employed in Said affair & he will Run & perambulate all  
 those Lines formerly Run in S<sup>d</sup> town and Renew & fix all the Bounds  
 well for Said Sixty two acres of Land though its Generally mean  
 pichpine Land & a Road thro it Said tract is Bounded as follows  
 northeasterly on Land Granted to Col<sup>e</sup> Meserve Deceased South  
 Easterly on Lot number 12 in the Second Range in Said town north-  
 westerly on Suncook River or Buck Street Lots (So Called) & Runs  
 South westerly Carring all the Breadth of the Land between said

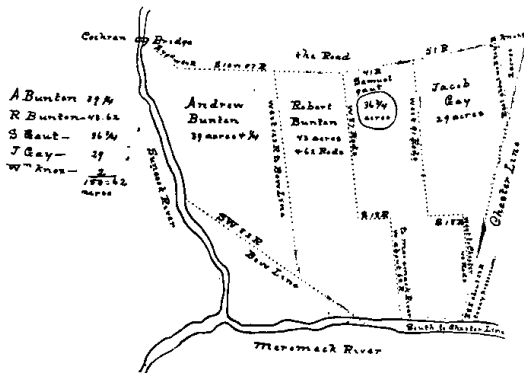


A Plan of Allenstown the first & Second Ranges are one mile or 320 R Long N E & by N and 180 Rod Broad W N W the third & fourth Ranges are 350 Rods Long & 155 Rods Broad this plan is Laid Down by a Scale of 120 Rods to one Inch—A : D. 1781—

W Bryent

Col° Gilmans 100 acres is 180 Rods w n w the whole Breadth of the Lot Peirce & Moore number five in the first Range & Runs N E & by north Caring y° whole Breadth of S<sup>d</sup> Lot until Said 100 acres is Completed.

[Plan of Lots in Allenstown.]



Jacob Gay begins at y° Contry Road at y° South East Corner of Sam<sup>n</sup> Gaut possession & Runs west 91 Rods y<sup>n</sup> South 18 Rods y<sup>n</sup> west about 40 Rods to Chester Line y<sup>m</sup> E. S. E about one hundred Rods to Land in possession of W<sup>m</sup> Knox then by his possession East about 40 R to the Road afore s<sup>d</sup> y<sup>n</sup> by Said Road 51 Rods to where it began—29 acres—44£ n. Ten

W Bryent

Andrew Bunten's Land begins at Cochrans Bridge & Runs S 43<sup>d</sup> w 24 Rods by y° Road yn on by y° S<sup>d</sup> Road S 10<sup>d</sup> w 57 Rods to Land in possession of M<sup>r</sup> Robert Bunten yn west 123 Rods to Bow Line yn by S<sup>d</sup> Bow Line N E 82 R to Suncook River yn by Suncook River to y° Bridge where we began

W Bryent

[*Valuation of Lot in Allenstown, 1811.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 32.]

Lot N<sup>o</sup> ten in the 4th Range in Allenstown is marked Very bad on the plan, & by the Request of Messrs Tylor & Whitney I have this day been chiefly over the said lot & am perfectly Satisfied that the Original Surveyors marked it right, for I observed for thirty or forty Acres together I would not pay the Taxes assessed on It for it but in Other places some good land, so that I think it is about rightly valued & Taxed although I thought sometimes we must lessen its valuation for Taxing

Sept<sup>r</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1811—

Hall Burgin

this Lot Sold Sep<sup>t</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1811 D 320—

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ALTON.

[Formerly known as *New Durham Gore*. Incorporated as Alton June 16, 1796, and named from an English town. In the petition for incorporation, the inhabitants asked to have the town named Roxbury. Barndoor Island was annexed in 1799. Portions of the town were severed and annexed to Barnstead in 1840, and to Wolfeborough in 1849.

See XI, Hammond Town Papers, 44; Index to Laws, 17; sketch, Hurd's History Belknap County, 1885, p. 705; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 252; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 477.]

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[*Petition of Clement March and Others.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 33.]

Prov<sup>o</sup> of New Hampshire } To The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> & others  
 Purchasers & Proprietors of Mason's Right (so called)—

The Petition of Clement March Esq<sup>r</sup> John Bracket Gent<sup>l</sup> & M<sup>r</sup> Walter Weeks all of Greenland Humbly Shews

That your Petitioners are appointed Agents for & on behalf of many of y<sup>e</sup> Freeholders & other Inhabitants of S<sup>d</sup> Greenland, who have had as they tho't Sutable encouragement to hope for a Grant of Some of y<sup>e</sup> Wast Lands in this Province from those in whom y<sup>e</sup> Right might be to grant s<sup>d</sup> Lands & for want of due Information for Some Time past been wavering & doubtful in their opinion in whome y<sup>e</sup> Right might be of granting that particular Tract of Land

on which they have Set their minds—But (upon more mature Deliberation & better Information) being convinced that y<sup>e</sup> Right & Property thereof is in you as an Estate in Fee Simple & therefore that you only can have a lawful Right to convey y<sup>e</sup> Same We pray that there may be granted unto us & our Constituents a Township bounding upon Gilman Town & Part of Winipissiockee Pond) upon Such Terms & Conditions as you grant to other of our Neighbours & Fellow Subjects or in Such other Place & upon Such other Terms as shall to you Seem most for y<sup>e</sup> publick your & our common Interest

Clem <sup>t</sup> March	John Brackett	Joseph Melune jn <sup>r</sup>
Joseph <sup>his</sup> Melune	Robrt Tufton Philbrook	Nathan Brackett
James <sup>mark</sup> Brackett	William Weeks	Joseph Weeks
Henry <sup>his</sup> X Melune	William Norton	Enoch Clark
John <sup>mark</sup> Avery	Ebenezer Cate	Mark Juel
Joseph Haines	Robart bryen	Henry Clarke
John Huggins	Willam Simson	Nathanael Huggins Juner
Danill Meloon	Walter Weeks	Samuel Weeks Jun
Elisha <sup>his</sup> X Briant	Nath <sup>l</sup> Huggens	Sam:l Weeks
Leonard <sup>mark</sup> weeks	Nath <sup>l</sup> Grow	Samu <sup>el</sup> haines Jun <sup>r</sup>
Abner Haines	James Johnson	Thomas Johnson Jun
Abiethe <sup>his</sup> + Sanburn	John hill	Walter Neall
frances <sup>mark</sup> Berry	Nathan Marston	Joshua Mackres
Walter Philbrook	William Johnson	Lueis haines
William <sup>his</sup> / Sanburn	Nathan Johnson	John meloon
Benjamin <sup>mark</sup> Philbroock	Daniel Lunt	Jonathan Dockum
Jonathan Chesely Juner	Samuel Whidden	Joshua Weeks
George March	Th <sup>o</sup> March	Th <sup>o</sup> March jn <sup>r</sup>
Nathinel March	Joseph Jackson	John Newmun
John weeks jun <sup>r</sup>	Joshua hains	John Whidden jn <sup>r</sup>
Walter Bryant	James Cate	Robert Davis
Clem <sup>t</sup> Jackson	Paul march	Stephen march
Henry Wallis	W <sup>m</sup> Jenniss	



[*Petition of Israel Gilman, 1748.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 34.*]

December y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1748

to y<sup>e</sup> Gentelmeen Proprivateres of m<sup>r</sup> massons Right this is the Desier of the inhabtance of the Pairsh of Newmarket that you Gentelmen would have a Regard for us as we are of the anchant Sattalares in the province of Newhampshier that we may have an Equal Shair with those of our age thare has bin manay Clouds hanging over which we think are Disspald and as we think the titel of the land is in you Gantelmeen we meake no doute but you will Give us So much land as that Each of our parish may have aboute three hundrad acrs a man If you Gentelmeen have not Gave the land that lays between Cochecho township and the pond we should be Glad to have that Gentelmen these are from your frend and Humbell Sarvant in behalf of a number of the parish of Newmarket

Israel Gilman

[*Notice from Proprietors to Clement March, 1754.*]

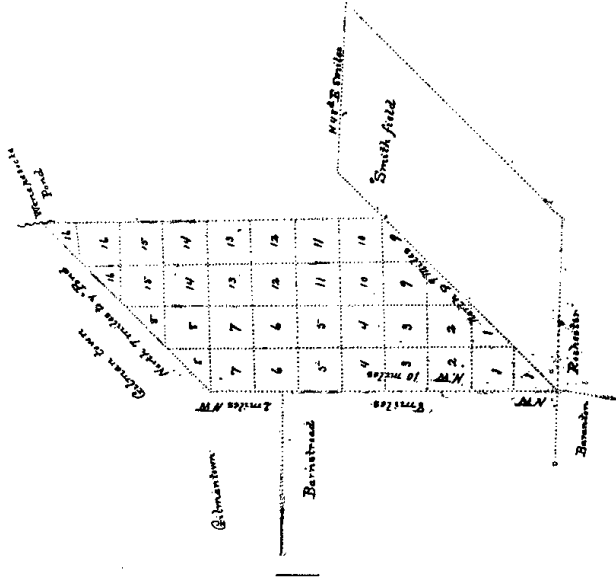
[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 35.*]

S<sup>r</sup> Whereas the Proprietors of the land purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu<sup>r</sup> in New Hampshire at their meeting held at Portsm<sup>o</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1748 Voted that Clement March Esqu<sup>r</sup> & y<sup>e</sup> Persons to be his associates & others have a Township equal to six miles Square bounded on y<sup>e</sup> north East Side of a place called Gilman Town north-erly upon Winisipisiokie pond upon such Conditions Restrictions & Limitations & Reservations as shall hereafter be agreed upon—by order of the Proprietors that at their next meeting which will be on Thursday y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> Instant they will accept from you or offer to you & Said Associates &<sup>c</sup> Such terms Conditions &<sup>c</sup> as they will grant Said Township to you & associates and if you do not attend at Said next Meeting of said Prop<sup>rs</sup> the Said Tract of Land or intended Township will be otherwise disposed of wherefore this notice is given you dated at the Meeting of Said Proprietors held at Portsm<sup>o</sup> at y<sup>e</sup> house of m<sup>rs</sup> Ann Slayton Feb<sup>r</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1754 <sup>in</sup> order of y<sup>e</sup> Prop<sup>rs</sup>

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To Clem<sup>t</sup> March Esqu<sup>r</sup> of Greenland

## [Plan of Alton.]



[Location of Certain Lots in Alton, 1761.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 36.]

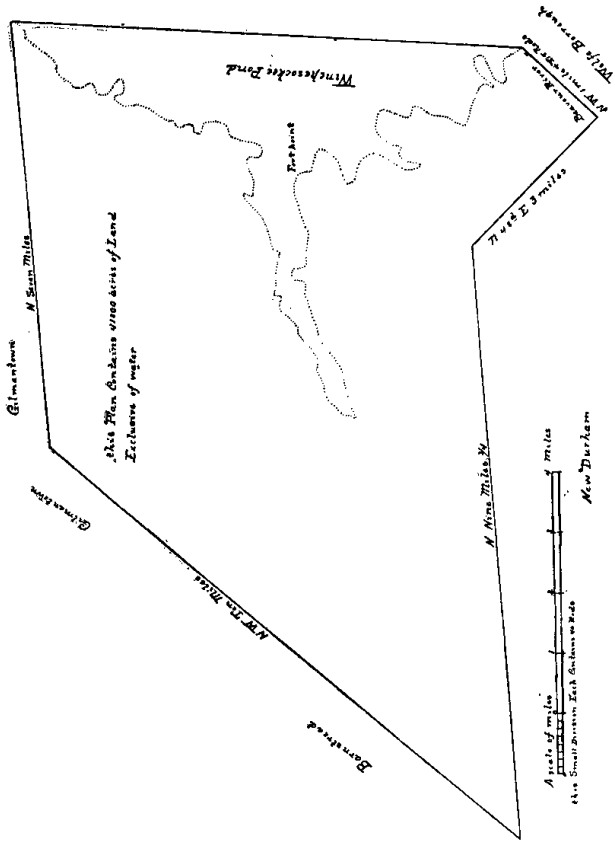
Meshech Wear 400 Acres N<sup>o</sup> 2 joining to Marston southerly  
 Sam<sup>l</sup> Hale Esq<sup>r</sup> 800 Acres N<sup>o</sup> 4 bounding on y<sup>e</sup> pond & y<sup>e</sup> Prop<sup>rs</sup> lot  
 Theodore Marston 150 Acres N<sup>o</sup> 1 Southern part of lot  
 Proprietors N<sup>o</sup> 3 bounding Southerly on Wear's  
 Voted The Proprietors on June 11<sup>th</sup> 1761 granted unto Meshech  
 Wear Esq<sup>r</sup> his heirs and Assigns 400 Acres in the reserved 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Share in the Gore near Winipisiokee Pond, and also granted unto  
 Theodore Marston Son of Daniel Marston Deceased, his heirs and  
 assigns 150 Acres in Said reserved 17<sup>th</sup> Share—and on the 26<sup>th</sup> day  
 of November 1761 did grant unto Major Samuil Hale of Portsmouth  
 300 Acres of land in Said 17<sup>th</sup> part or share reserved—The Said

Grantees having requested the Proprietors to have a Severance made of their Said grants and it being now proposed by the Said grantees or their Agents to proceed in the following manner to make the Severance of their respective grants viz<sup>t</sup> that as the Said reserved Seventeenth part or Share in Said Gore being in two lots N<sup>o</sup> 8 in the Second Range of lots and N<sup>o</sup> 14 in the third Range of lots which two lots are divided by merry meeting Bay, that it may be determined by lot whether the Said grants should be located on the Said Lot N<sup>o</sup> 8 or N<sup>o</sup> 14 and also in what part of Said lot So determined, the Said grants Should be located; which Method of proceeding to locate and Sever the Said grants was approved of by the Proprietors, and the Lots were drawn for accordingly and the said lot N<sup>o</sup> 14 was drawn for the Said grants to be therein located Theodore Marstons Grant of 150 Acres was drawn to be located on the South Side of Said lot N<sup>o</sup> 14, and Meshech Weare Esq<sup>rs</sup> Grant of 400 Acres was drawn to join upon S<sup>d</sup> marstons 150 Acres and Major Samuel Hales 300 Acres was drawn to be located bounding on Winipisiokee pond merrymeeting Bay and the part drawn for the use of s<sup>d</sup> Proprietors in Said lot N<sup>o</sup> 14—

Therefore Voted that the Said Grantees have their Said Grants located and Severed in the parts of Said Lot N<sup>o</sup> 14 as above described and to be so laid out to each of them respectively their heirs and assigns for ever and the Grants are hereby Located and Severed in Said manner, and that the part drawn for the Proprietors use in said lot N<sup>o</sup> 14 to be disposed of as they shall hereafter order

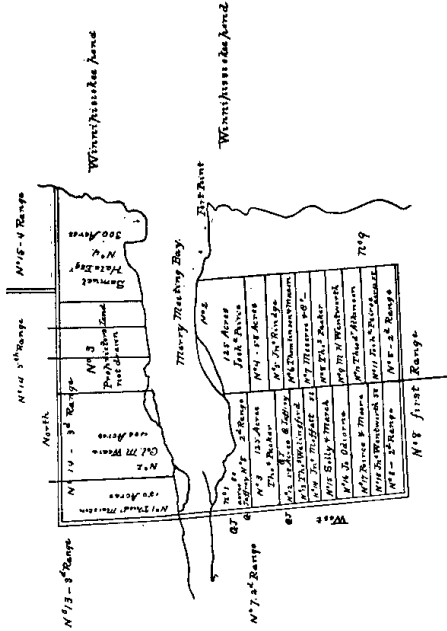
The lot N<sup>o</sup> 14—is y<sup>e</sup> drawn lot where Meshech Weare Sam<sup>l</sup> Hale Esq<sup>rs</sup> and Theodore Marston are to have their Grants in the 17<sup>th</sup> reserved share of y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors in the Gore near Winnipisiokee Pond—and

[Plan of Alton.]





[Plan of Seventeenth Reserved Share.]



The above is a Sketch of the 17<sup>th</sup> reserved Share in the Gore adjoining to Winnipissioke Pond as it is to be laid out & Surveyed according to the draft made of y<sup>e</sup> lotts and recorded 24<sup>th</sup> day of December 1781 it being the Lotts N° 8 in the 2<sup>d</sup> Range & N° 14 in the 3<sup>d</sup> Range containing by estimation 1100 acres each lot all the Lotts to contain 58 Acres except N° 1, N° 2, & N° 3 which have their Quantity Mark' on each of 3 Lotts— Examined G J—

## AMHERST.

[Granted by Massachusetts as *Narragansett No. 3*, Dec. 18, 1728. Afterwards called *Salem Narragansett* and *Souhegan West*. The grant was confirmed by the Masonian Proprietors Dec. 1, 1759. Incorporated as Amherst Jan. 18, 1760, and named in honor of Lord Jeffry Amherst. The incorporation was renewed Jan. 7, 1762. A large part of Monson was annexed in 1770. A portion of the town was combined with parts of Hollis and Mile Slip to make up the town of Milford Jan. 11, 1794. Mont Vernon was set off and incorporated Dec. 15, 1803. A part of Milford was annexed Dec. 20, 1842.

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 6; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 57; Index to Laws, 18; Historical Discourse, 100th Anniversary of Dedication of Congregational Meeting House, by J. E. Davis, 1874; Proceedings of Revolutionary Committees of Safety for Hillsborough County, by E. D. Boylston, 1884; History, by Daniel F. Secomb, 1883, pp. 978; sketch, by same, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 219; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 21; Recollections of A Busy Life, by Horace Greeley, 1873; Life of Horace Greeley, by James Parton, 1885; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 150; Rambles about Amherst, by W. B. Rotch, 1890, pp. 67; Bills of Mortality, 1805-14, by John Farmer, 14, Mass. Historical Society Collections, 73; *id.*, 1805-19, 1, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collection, 80; *id.*, 1815-26, 22, Mass. Historical Society Collections, 298; sketch, by John Farmer, 12, *id.*, 247; revised as Historical Sketch of Amherst, 1820, pp. 35; 2d ed., continued 1837, pp. 52; *id.*, 5, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 79; petition of inhabitants, *id.*, 253; History of Purgatory, by C. J. Smith, 1889, pp. 8.]

[*Petition of Valentine Nutter and Others, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 87.]

Prov<sup>o</sup> of } To the Honb<sup>le</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> & others  
New Hamp<sup>r</sup> } Purchasers & Proprietors of Masons Rights.

The Petition of the Subscribers Humbly Shews That your Humble Petitioners who are underneath Subscribed are Desireous to have granted to them a Tract of Land for a Township on Merrimack River or as Near the River as you think Proper and on Such Terms & Limitations as others who have asked the Same favour and as Speedely as Shall be Consistant with your Conveiniency and your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall Ever Pray—

Souhegan West not granted & Contoocook—also & N<sup>o</sup> 5 adjoining to it or whear you think proper if those Places are not agreeable to you but them if Possible or the Latter if not the former

Vallentine Nutter	Samuel Penhallow	John Griffeth
Jo <sup>s</sup> Sherburn	Nath <sup>l</sup> Mendum	Eben Wentworth
Tob <sup>s</sup> Langdon	James Stoodly Jun <sup>r</sup>	Benj <sup>s</sup> miller
Jonath <sup>s</sup> Stoodly	W <sup>m</sup> Pearson	Sam <sup>l</sup> Langdon Cl <sup>k</sup>
Paul March	Stephen March	Sam <sup>l</sup> Hale
John Ross	John Flagg	William Seawad
Nath <sup>l</sup> Sargent Esq <sup>r</sup>	H Wentworth	Charles Gorwood
Alex <sup>r</sup> Caldwell	Jacob Treadwell	John Newmarch
Tho <sup>s</sup> Wibird	Joseph Allcock	Charles Treadwell
Joseph Bunster	John Shackford	Step <sup>n</sup> Greenleaf
Thomas Walden	John Mills	Sam <sup>l</sup> Brewster
Anthony Wibird	Jn <sup>o</sup> Knight	Joseph Buss Jun <sup>r</sup>
John Harvey	Sam <sup>l</sup> Hart Jun <sup>r</sup>	W-m Langdon
Robert Green	Humphrey Furnell	Nath <sup>l</sup> Fellows
Jn <sup>o</sup> Briard	John Dennet	Joseph Langdon Jun <sup>r</sup>
Nath <sup>l</sup> Sargent Jun <sup>r</sup>	John Hart	William Nuttor
Solomon Loud	Jeremiah Libbey	Jerem <sup>s</sup> Libbey Jun <sup>r</sup>
William Bennett	Benj <sup>s</sup> Akarman	John Wentworth
S <sup>a</sup> Wentworth	Mark Hunking	Clem <sup>t</sup> Jackson
Zech <sup>r</sup> Foss	John Flagg Jun <sup>r</sup>	Gershom Flagg
Joseph Sims Sen	Michael Scruton	James Christee
Edward Pendexter	Josiah Moses	George Moses
Benj <sup>s</sup> Akerman juner	Joseph Mead	Sarah Priest
Moses Dennett	Elliot Vaughan	John Ayers
Daniel Rogers	W <sup>m</sup> Whittemore	Dan <sup>l</sup> Jackson
Elisha Jackson	John Allcock	Benj <sup>s</sup> Pitman
James Titcomb	Noah Emery	George Ayers Juner
Arthur Browne	Marmaduke Browne	Jonathan Warner
Nath <sup>l</sup> Warner	W <sup>m</sup> Pearson	John Penhallow
Thomas Peirce	Cutt Shannon	Tobias Lear
Sam <sup>l</sup> Barnes	Thomas Ayers Jun <sup>r</sup>	

[*Letter from Proprietors to Joseph Blanchard, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 38.]

Portsm<sup>o</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1748

S<sup>r</sup> We have both your Letters before us as to that of y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> of the last month for which we are obliged we greatly approve of your Scheme & y<sup>e</sup> Progress you have made and hereby give you full Power of agreeing with any person of note that can be Serviceable in Secureing y<sup>e</sup> Peace & Quiet of the Settlers either in new Ipswich or other Town as to Souhegan West if they should be troublesome



they can expect no favour from this Society and we shall soon prosecute Some of the foremost in the Opposition which if you think proper please to inform them of and let us know the men as to our bearing the Charge of a Lawsuit in contesting mason's Right we set out upon that footing at first & in Case any Suit is Commenced we expect to pay that Cost, we are now finishing the Grant of the Town above souhegan & think that a vote of the Proprietors at a Regular meeting better than any other Conveyance you will See our's to Cap' Goffe & Associates with the particular Reservations & Articles—this is the Method prescribed by y<sup>e</sup> Gentlemen of y<sup>e</sup> law and is the most Customary & familiar way for such Proprieties to Act in—I am in behalfe & at y<sup>e</sup> Request of y<sup>e</sup> Society y<sup>t</sup> purchased mason's Right y<sup>r</sup> very Hum<sup>bl</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Theodore Atkinson

P S. with Respect to y<sup>e</sup> affairs of Cohas between Goffe & Dunkin & y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors it is referred entirely to your adjustment & Settlement as you think is just the Society desire to See you as soon as possibly you can leave your private affairs and bring all y<sup>e</sup> Plans you can procure that will give any insight to their Concerns—Goffe has offer'd one third but we think one halfe for y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors y<sup>r</sup> ut Supra

T Atkinson

To Joseph Blanchard Esqur at Dunstable  
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[*Petition of Ebenezer Ellinwood, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 39.]

Province of } To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esqu<sup>r</sup> and the  
New Hampshire } other Purchasers of John Tufton Mason Esqu<sup>r</sup>  
his Right in lands in Said Province humbly Shew's

That your Petitioner made a Purchase of a whole Right or share in a Township called Souhegan West about 14 or 15 years ago, and have for about 10 or 11 years past constantly dwelt in Said Town and improved Said Right with about 60 Acres besides And as I am lately informed that the proper Right & Title of Said Lands is in you, and being desirous of holding my Improvements under your Right & Title

I therefore pray your favour of Considering my Request of granting to me the Improvements I have made in Said Township, which I hope you will make to me upon the Same Conditions & Limitations

as you grant to others—and I shall ever pray &c<sup>a</sup>—Portsmouth January y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1748

Ebenezer Ellinwood

[Endorsed] at a meeting held y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> Inst Resolv'd to Accomodate y<sup>e</sup> within Petitioner in y<sup>e</sup> most convenient manner

[*Petition from Inhabitants of Amherst, 1748-9.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 40.]

To the Lord Proprietors of the Grant of M<sup>r</sup> John Tuftan Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> this humbly sheweth that we the subscribers Inhabitants of Soughegon West So called (being confident of your Hon<sup>r</sup> Respect, and Compassion to a poor people that have been greatly Reduc'd by the late destressing war) earnestly pray that your Hon<sup>r</sup> would Confirm our lands to us, that we have dearly purchased, and defended at the hazard of our lives, we need not inform your Hon<sup>r</sup> that there are Many of the Non Resident Prop<sup>rs</sup> of said Township, have been very Slack in paying their dues voted to defray the Charges of said Plantation, by which we have, many of us been great Sufferers, and that we by living here have advanced their Lands to be undoubtedly more than three times the value that it would have been had not we have settled here; and that we have fronted the Enemy in the late War, and not only defended our own land, but theirs; without receiving any Respect from them either by Amonition or any other way—

and we need not destress our Selves, but that your Hon<sup>r</sup> will take your praemium out of the Non Residents part. and so we rest your humble Petitioners

Dated at Soughegan West N<sup>o</sup> 3 Jan<sup>y</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1748.

Dan <sup>l</sup> Wilkins	John Shepard	samuel walton
Thomas Clark	James Cochren	Andrew Bradford
Solomon hutchinson	William Bradford	William Haward
John Davis	Joshua Abbott	Benj <sup>a</sup> Wilkins
Daniel Wilkins Ju <sup>r</sup>	Benj <sup>a</sup> Clark	Andrew Bixbe
Joseph Wilkins	Andrew Seeton j <sup>r</sup>	Jacob Stanley
Joseph Ellinwood	David Hartshorn	Robert Stewart
Samuell Stewart	Joseph Boutell	Benjamin Cheenee
Samuel Lamsen	William peabody	Sam <sup>l</sup> Caldwell

[*Petition of Humphrey Hobbs, 1749.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 41.]

Middleton N° 9<sup>th</sup> 1749

Gentlemen /

I was One of the First Settlers in Souheegun West, a town West of merrimack Built & did the duty on Two Lotts and Subdued them Sufficent for two familys to have Support there, & with my Family Continued there till by providence I was Called into the Indian War, then I moved my Family, 'till Lately your title or Claim I was Ignorant of And Expected the prop<sup>rs</sup> would take prudent Care & Accomodate which I understand they Have not (from Co<sup>n</sup> Blanchard, I have yet According to my purchasing under the Massachusetts Grant 2 Lotts 50 Acres each y<sup>e</sup> lotts I Setled, were 132 Acres each on which there is Inhabitants now now Gentlemen with You I must Rest this matter & desire you to Quiet me in y<sup>e</sup> Possession of these lands or take to your Selves, Such Reasonable part as you determin, And that it may be Done quick, I have desired Coll<sup>o</sup> Blanchard to Give me notice & I Shall Comply with your Determination

Humphrey Hobbs

Prop<sup>rs</sup> of Masons Grant.

[*Votes of Proprietors of Amherst, 1759.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 41.]

At a Meeting of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of Souhegan west N° 3 Held on The Last Thursday of Ap<sup>l</sup> A D 1759 Voted—

John Mitchel & William Peabody a Committee to make Application to the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of John Tufton Mason Esq In order to have them Convey all their Right Title Interest Claim or property (to Souhegan to y<sup>e</sup> grantees prop<sup>rs</sup> or Inhabitance thereof & gave the Said Committee y<sup>e</sup> following Instruction viz to See if y<sup>e</sup> Propri<sup>es</sup> of Mason afores<sup>d</sup> Will For Seventeen of the Most Delinquent Rights of one Hundred And Twenty Quit all their Interest As Above Said and on their Compliance to Settle—

True Copy ☞

Jn<sup>o</sup> Shepard Jun<sup>r</sup> Clerk

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 42.]

And After the Instruction Dated y<sup>e</sup> Last Thursday of Ap<sup>l</sup> A D 1759 Gave the following viz to offer & Ingage them Forty

Shillings Sterling 7/ Right in Case the first offer is refus<sup>d</sup> to have  
 them Convey their Interest As In the Instruction before recited—  
 True Copy 7/ Jn<sup>o</sup> Shepard Jun<sup>r</sup> Clerk

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 42.]

At A Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> propr<sup>rs</sup> of Souhegan west N<sup>o</sup> 3 held on the Last  
 thursday of Ap<sup>l</sup> A D 1759 John Mitchell & William Peabody Was  
 Chosen to Settle with y<sup>e</sup> Propr<sup>rs</sup> of John Tufton Mason Esq In Behalf  
 of Souhegan Prop<sup>rs</sup> or Inhabitance—

John Shepard Jun<sup>r</sup> Clerk

[*Letter from Joseph Blanchard to Proprietors, 1759.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 43.]

Merrymac Nov<sup>r</sup> 27, 1759

Gentle<sup>n</sup> / Lieu<sup>t</sup> Peabody waits on you and Considerably Prepar<sup>d</sup> to  
 make a Settle<sup>t</sup> with Respect to your Claim in Sowhegan West—Som  
 of those Propr<sup>rs</sup> my Late Father Settled with who have a Writing from  
 him which they will Bring or Send Down to you Verry Soon and if any  
 thing Remains for em yet to do they will Imediately Comply and  
 Fullfill to a Tittle therefore I woud ask that their not paying as the  
 Other Prop<sup>rs</sup> have, may not Imbarres a Settle<sup>t</sup> with those Who have  
 paid—if my Fathers Grant to them Proves Insufficient, they Still  
 Lye Fair for your Action—But what is Wright they will do they  
 Fear a Law Suit I am Gentle<sup>n</sup>

Y<sup>r</sup> Most Humb<sup>l</sup> Ser<sup>t</sup>

J Blanchard

The Gentle<sup>n</sup> Prop<sup>s</sup> of masons Claim at Ports<sup>o</sup> —

[*Quitclaim to Certain Lots in Amherst, Dec. 1, 1759.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Vol. 2, p. 124.]

Whereas Sundry persons claiming lands within the Limits of a  
 tract of land called and known by the name of Souhegan West Num-  
 ber three situate in the Province of New Hampshire by virtue of a  
 Grant of said Tract of land for a Township made by the Government  
 of the province of the Massachusetts Bay, sensible of the weakness  
 and Insufficiency of that title have by William Peabody & John  
 Mitchell jun<sup>r</sup> their Committee applied to the said Proprietors of the

right of said Mason for a grant to them respectively of all the right, title and demand of said Proprietors according to the division which they had made pursuant to their said Claim, and the said Proprietors being desirous of having said lands settled and willing to Quiet those who have made any progress therein have on the consideration, Terms, Limitations and Conditions herein after Expressed & not otherwise only in such Instances as are otherwise Expressed—

Voted That there be and hereby is Given, granted & Conveyed unto the several persons whose names are herein after mentioned all the right, title, Interest, Claim, property & demand of said proprietors of in and unto the Shares, rights & Lotts of land set to each name and claimed by each person respectively according to the division aforesaid that is to say To the Reverend Daniel Wilkins minister of said place two whole rights or Shares so called and one half share with all the Lotts that are or shall be severed to him by name or to the right of the first minister of the Gospel settled there, *John Lee* and *Samuel Lee* both of manchester in the County of Essex and Province of the Massachusetts Bay Esq<sup>rs</sup> one whole share, the first lott of which in the first division is N<sup>o</sup> 97 with all the after divisions, *Stephen Hall* of Medford Esq<sup>r</sup> one whole share the lot in the first division being N<sup>o</sup> 8, To the heirs of *John Turner* late of Salem Esq<sup>r</sup> Deceased three full Shares the first division lotts being N<sup>o</sup> 34, 42, 62, with all the after divisions excepting the lot in the Second division N<sup>o</sup> 123, *Ephraim Ingalls* of Salem aforesaid Tayler two whole shares, *Philemon Warner* of Gloucester Esq<sup>r</sup> one whole share, *Thomas Tarbox* of Wenham Gent: one Second division lot N<sup>o</sup> 18 and one third division lot N<sup>o</sup> 119 *John Felton* of Danvers Yeom: one whole share *Jerem Dodge* of said Wenham Yeom: one whole share, *Peter Woodbury* of Beverly Yeom: two second division lotts N<sup>o</sup> 62 & 63 & third division lot N<sup>o</sup> 38 *Bartholomew Dodge* of said Wenham Yeom: three first division lotts N<sup>o</sup> 54., 55., 100, & three third division Lotts N<sup>o</sup> 17, 46, 73 *Epps Sargent* of said Salem Esq<sup>r</sup>, two full rights *Ebenezer Bacheller* of said Wenham Yeom: one second division Lot N<sup>o</sup> 110 and two third division Lotts N<sup>o</sup> 79. 80 *Josiah Herrick* for the Heirs of Cap<sup>t</sup> *John Baker* late of said Wenham Yeom: deceased one whole share, *Daniel Maccay* of Salem Gent. for the heirs of Major *Joshua Hicks* four full Shares, *Robert Hooper* Esq<sup>r</sup> for the Heirs of *Joseph Swett* late of Marblehead Esq<sup>r</sup> deceased one full Share, *Samuel Bradford* of Middleton Yeom: one first division lot N<sup>o</sup> 1 one third division Lott N<sup>o</sup> 103, Cap<sup>t</sup> *Andrew Fuller* of Middleton two second division Lotts N<sup>o</sup> 94, & 100 & two third division lotts N<sup>o</sup> 70, & 83, *Henry Campbell* of Loudonderry Yeom: two full Shares, *Timothy Smith* of said Souhegan West Yeom: one full Share,

*John Davis* of said place one second division lot excepting ten acres N° 5 *Joseph Clerk junr*, of the same place one first division Lott N° 110 *Joseph Hutchinson junr* one first division Lot lying in the South West Corner of said tract of land joining to the river *Joseph Hutchinson* of Middleton Yeom: one first division lot N° 3 & two second division Lotts N° 37, & 38, *William Howard* of Merrimack Yeom: three first division Lotts N° 39, 40, 41 & one second division Lot N° 82 and one third division N° 35, *Robert Stuart and Samuel Stuart* two first division lotts N° 83, 94, two second division lotts N° 10 and 77, with six acres of meadow & nine acres of meadow and fifteen acres of upland joining thereto all now in their possession which meadow & land lies within the boundaries of the Lotts N° and N° in the first division with the undivided land belonging to two rights or shares, *Samuel Peters* of Andover one first division lott N° 108 with all the after drafts Lotts & divisions belonging to one Share or full right, *Josiah Abbott* of Souhegan one second division lot N° 53 & one third division Lott N° 76 Deacon *Joseph Bowtell* of said place two third division Lotts N° 19 & 20 & part of the two third division Lotts viz' N° 21 & 22 the said part being Sixty six acres in the whole *Thomas Wakefield* of said place one first division Lott N° 84 *John Smith* of the same place one first division Lott N° 101 *Joseph Steel* of said place two Second division Lotts N° 16 & 17 Col° *Ebenezer Nichols Esq*, of Reading three full Shares Excepting the first division Lott N° 44 *Jacob Richardson* one first division lot N° 44 aforesaid *James Rawlins* of Souhegan aforesaid one third division Lott N° 16, and one third part of the Lot N° 17 in the same division, *David Hartshorn* of said place one first division Lott N° 107 and one third Division N° 9 *Joshua Abbot* of said place one first division lot N° 111 with the letter W also thirty seven acres of Land adjoining to said lott *William Bradford* of Souhegan one first division Lott N° 85 & one third division lot N° 59, *Ebenezer Ellenwood* of Souhegan aforesaid one home lott he bought from Lamson & Walton & one second division lott N° 11 and one third division Lott, *Benjamin Clarke* of said place one first division Lott N° 102 *William Cod* of said place one Second division Lott N° 101 *Andrew Seatown* one first division Lott N° 74 *John Seatown* one third division Lott N° 7 both said persons being of said Souhegan, *George Willey* of said place one Second division lott N° 113 also thirty acres part of a third division Lott N° 18, *Oliver Carlton* of said place one second division Lott N° 56 *Francis Eliot* of said place one second division Lot N° 26 *Jacob Dresser* of said Place forty acres of a third division Lot on which forty acres he now lives, *Hugh Ross* of Souhegan one first division Lott N° 73 *James Seatown* of said place one first division

Lott N° 53, Simeon Fletcher of the same place one Second division Lott N° 9 James Cockran of said place one first division N° 27, one second division Lott N° 121, John McClinche of Merrimack one first division Lot N° 26, *Thomas Clark* of Souhegan one first division Lott N° 24 & one third division Lott not Drawn, *Benj<sup>a</sup> Taylor* of said place one Second division Lott N° 43, *Nathan Fuller* of said place one Second division Lott N° 45 & fifteen acres part of Lott N° 28 in the said Division Ebenezer Holt of Souhegan Seventy two acres of land where he now dwells, Benjamin Lovejoy of the said place two second division Lotts N° 97, & 98 and half first division Lott N° 110 with *W. John Stuart* of said place one full Share, *David Steel* of Londonderry one first division Lott N° 51, *Robert Moore* of said place for the Heirs of *Peter Cockran* late of said Souhegan deceased one third division Lott N° 86 *William Wallis* of said place one Second division Lott No 23 and thirty acres part of the Lott N° 24 in said Division, *Hezekiah Lovejoy* of said place one first division Lott N° 95 *Jacob Courtis* of said place part of a first division Lott where he now lives, being fifty two acres *William Hogg* one first division lott N° 46, *Samuel Seatown* of said Souhegan one first division Lott N° 75 & one, third division Lott N° 6, *Ebenezer Averill* of said place one second division Lott N° 32, *Joseph Reading* of Marblehead joiner one full share *Nathan Barker* of Andover two second division Lotts N° 89 and 59 John Warson of Souhegan one first division Lott N° 108 Mary Williams Thirty acres part of a third division Lott N° 27 Ensign *Robert Reed* of Souhegan Sixty acres being the Lott on which he now lives also thirty five acres known by the name of Carters place, *Josiah Sawyer* of Monson One Second division Lott N° 61 Benjamin Wilkins one full share Benjamin Watson one third division Lott N° 113 both the last named persons being of Souhegan aforesaid Andrew Bigsbey of the same place one third division Lott not drawn Lucey Wilkins of said Place, widow one second division Lott N° 25 excepting ten acres, *Samuel Lamson* of said place one third division Lot 101, *Isaac Holt* of said place one first division lott N° 106 and thirty six acres of land where he now lives William Melandy of said place one second division Lot N° 6 *John Washer* of said place fifty one acres of the Lott N° 28 in the second division and fifteen acres which he purchased, *Solomon Hutchinson* of said place three first division Lotts one being the Lott. on which he lives the others being N° 15 & also two second division Lotts N° 4 & 112 also one third division Lott N° 131 with ten acres more and two full Shares in the Common also one third division Lot N° 26, *John Cole* of Souhegan one second division Lott N° 54 *James Russell* of Haverhill three full Shares, *Nathaniel Walker* of Haverhill one first division lott N° one third division lot N°

*Abner Fellows & Jerem: Fellows*, both one full share, *Jerem: Farrington* of Chelmsford one full Share and one second division lot N° 111 and one third division lott N° 100, *William Jones* of Monson one second division lott N° 25 & fifty acres which was part of *William Hobbs's* farm, *Benjamin Davis* thirty acres of a first division lott N° 6, *Widow Amy Hobbs* of said Souhegan Sixty acres of the said Farm called *Hobbs's* farm being the share of two of her Children and the part of set off as her dower, *Henry Sawyer* of Methuen one first division Lott N° 32 & one third division Lott N° 119 *Caleb Sawyer* of Dracutt one second division Lott N° 47—*Jonathan Harwood* of Chelmsford one third Division Lott N° 63, *Cap: Ebenezer Parker* of the same place one full Share *John McClelland* of Souhegan one first division Lott N° being the Lott on which he dwells, *Eben: Ellenwood junr* one first division Lott N° 106 *Thomas Town* thirty acres part of a third division Lott N° 17 both of Souhegan, *Joseph Lovejoy* of said place thirty acres of land part of a first division Lott N° 110 with *W. Andrew Bradford* two Second division lots N° 21, & 22 *Samuel Brown* of Chester forty two acres and one Quarter of a first division Lott N° 87 and thirty three acres of a second division Lott N° 60 *Caleb Upton* of Souhegan twelve acres on which he now dwells, *James Caldwell* of Londonderry Seventeen Acres and three Quarters of a first division Lott N° 87 also one half of a third division Lott N° 132 also twenty acres of a second division Lott N° 60, *Joseph Ellenwood* of said Souhegan one Second division Lott N° 8 *William Peabody* of said Place three full Shares Excepting one first division Lott N° 70 which is sold and thirty acres he purchased of *William Small* joining to the land on which he lives, the said three full Shares were claimed by *Stephen Peabody* late father of the said *William* the first division lots belonging to said Shares are N° 13 N° 70 & N° 19 and it appears the said Shares were given by the said *Stephen* to the said *William* by deed of Gift and to the widow *Lydia Wilkins* fifteen acres of land now in her possession, and to the *Widow Mary Addams* of Dunstable one whole right or Share on which she lately dwelt, during her natural life and then to Her three daughters to be equally divided between them or their heirs or assigns—to *John Grimes* of said Souhegan thirteen acres in lot N° 60 in Second division, *Widow Elizabeth Bell* of said Danvers one first division lot N° 57 and one third division Lot N° 60 and after draft belonging to said lotts, *Ebenezer Abbot* of said Andover one second division lot N° 48, *Ephraim Abbot* of said Souhegan one whole right now in his possession and one first division Lott N° 108 *Moses Truewell* of said Souhegan one first division lot N° 18 *James Curtis* of Boxford one second division lot N° 40 — and



one half part of a third division Lot N<sup>o</sup> 114, *Thomas Bigsbey* one first division Lot N<sup>o</sup> 89 and one half part of a third division Lot N<sup>o</sup> 132 *Samuel Lampson* of said Souhegan one Second division Lot N<sup>o</sup> Samuel Porter, Mary Putnam and Abigail Porter one whole Share that was Eleazer Porters of Danvers their father deceased, *William Peabody* aforesaid one acre land he purchased of said Amy Hobbs, *Nath<sup>l</sup> Greenwood* of Boston one Second Division Lott N<sup>o</sup> 119: and one third Division Lot N<sup>o</sup> 44: and y<sup>e</sup> undivided land belonging to a whole Right. *John Cunningham* of Boston one whole Share or Right *Reuben Walton* of Souhegan West one half of a third division—*Thomas Avrel* of Souhegan West one first Division *William Peterson* of Litchfield one first Division—*Edward Melody* one Second Division—*The Heir of Zacheus Perkins* of Rowley — two whole Shares — *Jeremiah Dodge* aforesaid one whole share which he Purchased of——  
Conant of Beverly

To have and to hold the said full Shares and rights with all the several Lotts and divisions drawn or to be drawn to them respectively belonging or any ways appertaining, and all the particular lotts & parcells of land aforesaid to the several persons before mentioned respectively and to their respective heirs & assigns forever on the following consideration, terms, conditions & Limitations—That is to Say that the owner of a full Share pay to the said Committee or either of them for the use of said proprietors the Grantors in these presents the sum of fifty one Shillings Sterling money and three Shillings like money for the use of said Committee for their time Expences & trouble in procuring this Grant & Collecting and paying said money, for every such share and in that proportion for what land each grantee in these presents holds as aforesaid more or less than a full share or whole right, said money to be paid within six months from the date hereof—

Secondly that each Grantee pay his respective proportion of all outstanding debts and Taxes not yet paid which have arisen in carrying on the Settlement the nonpayment of which tends greatly to retard the Settlement & cultivation of said Lands,

Thirdly That they also duly pay all necessary future taxes and dues which shall arise for promoting the End aforesaid in proportion to their several rights and Interests in said Land.

Fourthly That such persons abovenamed who shall comply with these Terms shall hold his respective share part and Interest granted as aforesaid which the default omission or neglect of others in this regard shall not affect, but the Interest, right, title & demand hereby intended to be Granted, shall be and remain in the said Grantors as tho' this Grant had never been made, upon default & failure as aforesaid—

Provided Nevertheless that nothing be demanded & paid for the following shares viz<sup>t</sup> the shares and parts aforesaid Granted as aforesaid to the said Daniel Wilkins one Share or right for the use of the ministry commonly called the Ministerial Share or right, one right for the use of the School, the land granted to the widow Amy Hobbs, that granted to Lucy Wilkins, that Granted to Mary Williams, and that granted to Lydia Wilkins, but these shares and Lotts of land granted as aforesaid, and all the right of said proprietors are hereby freely given to the respective Grantees and uses aforesaid and also that right purchased by Henry Cambell of Henry Flint Esq<sup>r</sup>—

[*Elijah Porter to Proprietors, 1760.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 44.*]

Middleton, June 7<sup>th</sup> 1760

Gentlemen

this Day I saw ou<sup>r</sup> m<sup>r</sup> John Mitchell Ju<sup>r</sup> he Show'd me y<sup>e</sup> Terms you had proposed to y<sup>e</sup> proprietors of Sowhegan west, for their having their Lands Secur'd, which I heard of but about a month before, I am Concern'd for the Right of M<sup>r</sup> Eleazer [Porter] of Danvers Dec<sup>d</sup>, which he had of Cap<sup>t</sup> John Wildes, I as Admi<sup>r</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> estate of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Porter, have paid all the publick Taxes that has Come to my knowledge, but I being from home when I Saw s<sup>d</sup> Mitchel & I had not y<sup>e</sup> Receipts of s<sup>d</sup> Taxes with me, and s<sup>d</sup> Mitchell Told me he Could not procure a grant without I agree'd to Settle it in y<sup>e</sup> Space of Six months, from y<sup>e</sup> Date of y<sup>e</sup> grant I am willing to pay y<sup>e</sup> Sum of mony that your Honours propos'd to be paid for y<sup>e</sup> Securing of y<sup>e</sup> Rights—But I beg Leave to assign Sum Reasons why I Cannot so well comply with y<sup>e</sup> terms of Settleing s<sup>d</sup> Right, viz y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Porter Died in Octo<sup>r</sup> A D 1756, and within about three week after his Death, his two oldest Son and his wife Died, and he Left only one Son and two Daughters, then all minors, and I was Guardian for them, y<sup>e</sup> Daughters are Sence of age, and y<sup>e</sup> father provided in his will for y<sup>e</sup> Son to be brought up to a liberal Eaditation and last July he Enter'd at Cambridge Colledge, he will be 21 years of age in about three years and eight month, and y<sup>e</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> Breaches in y<sup>e</sup> family made great Defecultys—and Considering all Circumstances, I am under Sum Difficulty to proceed as guardian to y<sup>e</sup> son in y<sup>e</sup> Settlement with y<sup>e</sup> Daughters &c Therefore if your Honours will be pleas'd to Take y<sup>e</sup> premises into your Consideration and Annex y<sup>e</sup> names of y<sup>e</sup> three Surviving heirs viz Sam<sup>l</sup> Porter Mary Putnam & Abigail Porter Then I hereby promise to pay the s<sup>d</sup> John Mitchell Fifty four Shillings Starling with Intrest from y<sup>e</sup> Date of y<sup>e</sup> grant—

I am with great Respect your Honours Most Obedient & Most Hum<sup>l</sup> Ser<sup>t</sup>

Elijah Porter

To the Hon<sup>l</sup> Proprietors of Masons Patten

[*Samuel Gray to Proprietors, 1760.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 45.]

S<sup>r</sup> About two years Since I Purchas'd A Tract of Land in Amherst Consisting of about two Hundred Acres have a good Warrantee Deed Legally Executed; the Gentleman I purchas'd of verbally promis'd to clear the Land of Masons claims, but now when it comes to The Case utterly refuses—I have bought and Sold a great deal of Land in the Government Especially in Bow: Claims, and those that purchas'd of me are frequently Calling upon me to Make up their losses in Settling, if I must pay that and this all I am worth upon Earth will not do it—I think it very hard indeed that they insist upon it for I never resisted the Claimes of Bow: but urged a Settlement with them long ago and would have Settled with them myself if I could have done it excludively—and now s<sup>r</sup> I stand ready every Moment to pay your demands upon the Land I have purchas'd here if I can save my Land by it but If I must pay all that is demanded here and in Penny Cook and Suncook, I had as good deliver up my possessions first as last for as the Proverb is no one can have any More of a Cat then her skin—but upon the whole I am willing to do anything that I can do Consistant with my safety I have now let Your Honour know in a few words how my case is, if you will tel me know which I must do in this Case I will very chearfully do it if my abilities will admit—for I dread a Law Suit And So with the lowest Submission I beg leave to Subscribe myself your very humble serv<sup>t</sup>

Amherst June y<sup>e</sup> 15 1760.

Samuel Gray

[*John Mitchell Jr. to Proprietors, 1765.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 46.]

S<sup>r</sup> This may inform you that I intended to have Com to ports-mouth Before this time In order to have had maters Ajusted about the money that I Left with Esq<sup>r</sup> Peirce But wanted to have Collected more money But have Ben Disappointed about it Therefore I Take this Oppertunaty By Co<sup>l</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Barr to Send by him a List of mens

Names Who have paid S<sup>d</sup> money and There is four of them that must be Entred Into the grant maid by the Proprietors of masons patent to the Clamers of Land in Souhegon west alias Amherst and you to Certify to me that those four is Entred there names are as followeth viz

Ruben Walton of S<sup>d</sup> place one half of a third Division.

Thom<sup>s</sup> avrel of S<sup>d</sup> place one first Division

Will<sup>m</sup> Peterson of Litchfeald one first Division

Jeremiah Doge of wenham one whole Right

As also you to Sign a Recep<sup>t</sup> which I have Sent with Co<sup>ll</sup> Barr he Paying you according to the Rate of Two Shillings Sterling for Each full Share or Right in S<sup>d</sup> Town for your Troble in Entring those names that Did not Comply at the first which is the Sum you told me you must have which amounts to Three shillings and Seven pence half peney Sterling for the above S<sup>d</sup> four

and when that is Don Co<sup>ll</sup> Barr is to Deliver Esq<sup>r</sup> Peirce his Recep<sup>t</sup> and in your So Doing you will oblige Your Humble Ser<sup>v</sup>

John Mitchel Ju<sup>r</sup>

P : S: Londonderry June the 18<sup>th</sup> 1765

The Sum of money Left with Esq<sup>r</sup> Peirce is 756-10-0 old Tenor which makes 28:7-4 $\frac{1}{2}$  Sterling and Co<sup>ll</sup> Barr will pay The Remainder to make up the Sum in the Receipt which is 5/5 $\frac{1}{2}$  Sterling and I hope in a short time to have more money Collected

Ⓜ J: M:

[*List of Purchasers in Amherst, 1765.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 47.]

A List of the Names of Shuch of the Claimers of Land in Souhegon West Alias Amherst Who have paid the Sums agreed upon for their Respective Lots and Shares of Land there to the proprietors of masons patent So Calld Viz

Jacob Richeson one first Division	0 - 17 - 10 - 3
Ebenz <sup>r</sup> Ellinwood one whole Right	2 - 11 - 0 - 0
Ruben Walton for half a third Division	0 - 6 - 8 - 2
Thom <sup>s</sup> avrel one first Division	0 - 17 - 10 - 3
John felton one whole Right June 1765 entred	2 - 11 - 0 - 0
Ebenz <sup>r</sup> avrel one Second Division June 1765	0 - 19 - 8 - 1
Henry Sayer one first and one third Division	1 - 11 - 3 - 3
Jonathan Harwood one third Division	0 - 13 - 5 - 0
Nathan Barker Two Second Divisions June 1765	1 - 19 - 4 - 2
Edward melody one Second Division	0 - 19 - 8 - 1

John Walsher one Second Division	0 - 19 - 8 - 1
Isaac Holt one first Division and thirty Six acres 1765	1 - 7 - 11 - 2
William peterson one first Division	0 - 17 - 10 - 3
Samuel Brown for fourty acres and one forth of an acre of a first Division and thirty three acres of a Second Division	1 - 1 - 9 - 0
Jeremiah Doge one Whole Right June 1765	2 - 11 - 0 - 0
James Russel three Whole Rights June 1765	7 - 13 - 0 - 0
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Andrew Bigsbe one third Division June 1765	£ 27 - 19 - 3 - 1
	13 - 5 - 0
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	28. 12. 8. 1

[*Joseph Blanchard to Proprietors, 1785.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 1, p. 47.*]

In the Town of Amherst there is Several Lots unoccupy'd and No Regular Claimers to them—those Lots may be appropriated to the use of the Masonian Prop<sup>rs</sup> also Some persons, in that Town have Some years Since, agreed with the Prop<sup>rs</sup> to pay a Certain Sum p<sup>r</sup> Lot and in Sum instances pay has been made but in many Instances the mony has been Rais'd but never paid in in other Cases notes have been taken and Now lye Dead—an Enquiry may be Attend With Some Success—tho' not Large But it is a Pitty when money has been Collected & notes Given for the Use of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> that nothing further should be done and the Delinquent Lots made use of these hints are Given by the Prop<sup>rs</sup> Hum<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

To whom it may Concern  
Pots<sup>o</sup> June 15: 1785—

Joseph Blanchard

W<sup>m</sup> Peabody and John Mitchell were the Principal Actors in Respect of Receiving money & notes—

[*Joshua Atherton to Proprietors, 1796.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 48.*]

Amherst Jan<sup>y</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1796

Sir,

Pursuant to y<sup>rs</sup> of 13<sup>th</sup> instant, inclose to you the papers mentioned in the Schedule that accompanies them, Preston has not

executed the Business on his part, & as he has had Time enough, thought it best to return the papers—I have not put his mortgage on Record, as I supposed your old Title was as good as the mortgage.

Jones has perpetrated a great Fraud upon James Jones to whom he sold 500 Dol<sup>rs</sup> worth of the land & got his pay—James neglected to put his Deed on Record, and Jones had the Address to get his Creditors to attach the land, by which poor James is totally ruined, Jones (Sam) not being worth a farthing that can be come at—perhaps it will be in your power by retaining your old Title, to help James to Justice—could you do it, every one must applaud it as an Act of Justice—but you are the proper Judge how far you can lend him aid herein. The Attachment by the Creditors of Jones, was since your Mortgage was on Record I suppose.

Inclose also the Register's Certificate, which with the Deeds & Notes above referred to are all the papers in my possession relative to the Business with Jones.

It is almost seven years since the Notes of Swett you mention were put into my Hands—The Business was quite out of my mind, and to add to my perplexity, the Actions stand Entered Woodbury Langdon & others vs Swett, a Name seemingly a Stranger to the Business—However I finally found the Notes in the Clerk's office and send Copies.—

Your Mortgage Deeds from Jones, the Register thinks you took from him sometime ago. says he will look further into the Matter. Silsby is waiting, and if I have not executed all your Expectations, will add hereafter think I have.—

With Esteem, I am your most Hum<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Joshua Atherton

John Peirce Esq<sup>r</sup>

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## ANDOVER.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, November 20, 1751, to Edmund Brown and others, and named *New Breton* in honor of the captors of Cape Breton, some of whom were among the grantees. Also called *Brown's-town* and *Emery's-town*. The charter was renewed November 6, 1771; incorporated as Andover, June 25, 1779.

See XI, Hammond Town Papers, 116; Index to Laws, 21; sketch by N. J. Bachelder, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 328; Topographical and Historical Account, by Jacob B. Moore, 1, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 9; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, pp. 252, 302; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 347.]

[*Proprietors to Edmund Brown, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 49.]

To M<sup>r</sup> Edmund Brown

you are hereby licenced to take a Plan of Six Miles Square at or near a Place called Pemigewasset in order for a Settlement of a Township for your Self & Associates upon Such Terms as shall be agreed upon by y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors of s<sup>d</sup> Tract of Land for you & associates & Mark y<sup>e</sup> Boundaries of s<sup>d</sup> Six Miles Sqare & make return of a Plan thereof in order for a Grant Dated at Portsm<sup>o</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> Day of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1748—By order of y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors—

Geo Jaffrey jun<sup>r</sup> C<sup>l</sup>

[*Petition of Daniel Wormal and Others, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 50.]

Province of } To the Proprietors of the Right of John  
New Hampshire } Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> to that part of the Province  
of New Hampshire Granted to his Ancestor—

The Humble Petition of Daniel Wormal and others whose names are hereunto Subscribed—Shews—

That Your Petitioners being Informed that you were Disposed to grant the Lands You have purchased, to Such Persons as would make and Carry on a Settlement Effectually on Reasonable Terms, They being resolved so to do in Case they Could Obtain a Suitable Tract of Land, have been Encouraged to ask for the Same. And in Case they Can Obtain Your Favour In that regard In Such a place as may be Encouraging to your Petitioners they will Im<sup>e</sup>diately proceed to begin the Settlement and Shall as in Duty bound both with respect to Your Selves and Your Title Ever Pray &c<sup>a</sup> November 16<sup>th</sup> 1748

Daniel Wormal  
thomas Webster  
John Carty  
John Wells  
Thomas Giford  
Jonathan Greeley  
William Moor  
Nath<sup>l</sup> Ladd junr  
Moses Connor  
Daniel Ward

Jeremiah Veasey  
Henry Marshall  
Joseph Swasey  
Nathan Tayler  
Goen hemphill  
Charles Rundlet  
John Creighton  
Noah Emery  
Solomon Read  
Samuel Ederley

George Creighton  
Daniel Gael  
Edward Ladd  
John Baird  
William Grant  
Daniel Grant  
Simon Gillman  
Samuel Connor  
John Kimball  
John Ederley

John Borgam	Kinsley Hall James	Hawley Marshall
Elias Ladd	Ebenezer Easeman	john Gibson
John Forist	Thomas Creighton	James Gibson
Willain gilman	David Connor	James Stoodly Ju <sup>r</sup>
Beingman gilman	Jeremiah gilman	Caleb Eastman
Nell M <sup>c</sup> Gaffey	Thomas Lukes	James Lukes
James Norris	James Gormon	Reched Yourk Ju <sup>r</sup>
Joseph Gills	Thomas Veasey	Sinkler Been
William fullerton	Thomas Piper	John Light
Joseph Rolans	Jonathan Ambros	True: Dudley
Gillman Dudley	Jeremiah Gillman Juner	William Simson
Satchel Clark	Thomas Veasey Jur	Moses Smith
John Gorge	Thomas Fuller	Robert Barber
Daniel Barber	William Hilton	Joseph Ceilley
Richard Emery	Peter Thing	John Emery
Nich Perryman	Noah Emery	Jeremiah Connor Jun <sup>r</sup>
Eliphalet Connor	Sam <sup>l</sup> Connor Ju <sup>r</sup>	

Portsm<sup>o</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1748

M<sup>r</sup> Jer<sup>o</sup> Veasy in y<sup>e</sup> within Petition desires to be considered no further as a Petitioner

[*Petition of Ladd and Young, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 51.]

To the Hon<sup>l</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> & others Purchasers & Proprietors of Mason's Right so called—

We y<sup>e</sup> Subscribers some of y<sup>e</sup> Officers & Soldiers in y<sup>e</sup> late Expedition against Cape Briton understanding that you are about to grant Lands to y<sup>e</sup> Subjects of this Province upon certain Terms unknown to us & having had encouragement that we might obtain a Township upon Application We therefore pray in y<sup>e</sup> Name & on y<sup>e</sup> behalf of y<sup>e</sup> Said Officers & Soldiers as well as on our own that there may be a Township or a tract of Land granted to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> officers & Soldiers upon Such Terms & in Such Manner as you grant to others of our Fellow Subjects or upon Such Terms as to you may Seem best for your & our Interest

John Lad  
Jonathan young



[*List of Petitioners with Capt. Ladd, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 52]

a list of there names

Cap <sup>t</sup> John Lad	Trueworthy Lad	Ser Jonathan Chout
Elias Rano	Epham Collins	Paul Prassay
Moses Atkions	Samuel Scribner	Left <sup>t</sup> Samuel Sanbourn
John Young junr	Ser Ralph Blaisdel	William Page
Left <sup>t</sup> Joseph Sleeper	Abraham wadson	Samuel Lock
Joseph Greeley	Left Jonathan farrin	John Ellit
Samuel Goodwin	Jonathan wadson	Philip Challlis
Jonathan Kimbel	Jonathan Young	Hezekiah Sleeper
John Lad junr	John Calfe	Aaron Young
John Hubbourd	Henery Sleeper	Benjamin Chout
olander Bayley	William Whacher	thomas Estoman
Joseph Bean	Ambrous Hines	Ser moes Davis
androw Whecher	Henery Bayley	Nathanel Ash
Joseph Collens	thomas Bettel	Samuel tomson
Benjamin Tucker	Samuel Juel	Ser Jonathan Greeley
Enoch Chaiel	Jerimah Curriery	John Curriery
thomas newman	Jonathan Greeley	Ebenezer webster
Samuel franch junr	Ralph Blaisdill Corpor	Thomas Lock
Benjamin Sanbourn	Josier Huck	Caleb Clough
		Charles Hontoun

[*Brown and Emery to Proprietors about Andover, 1749.*]

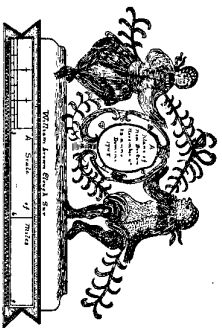
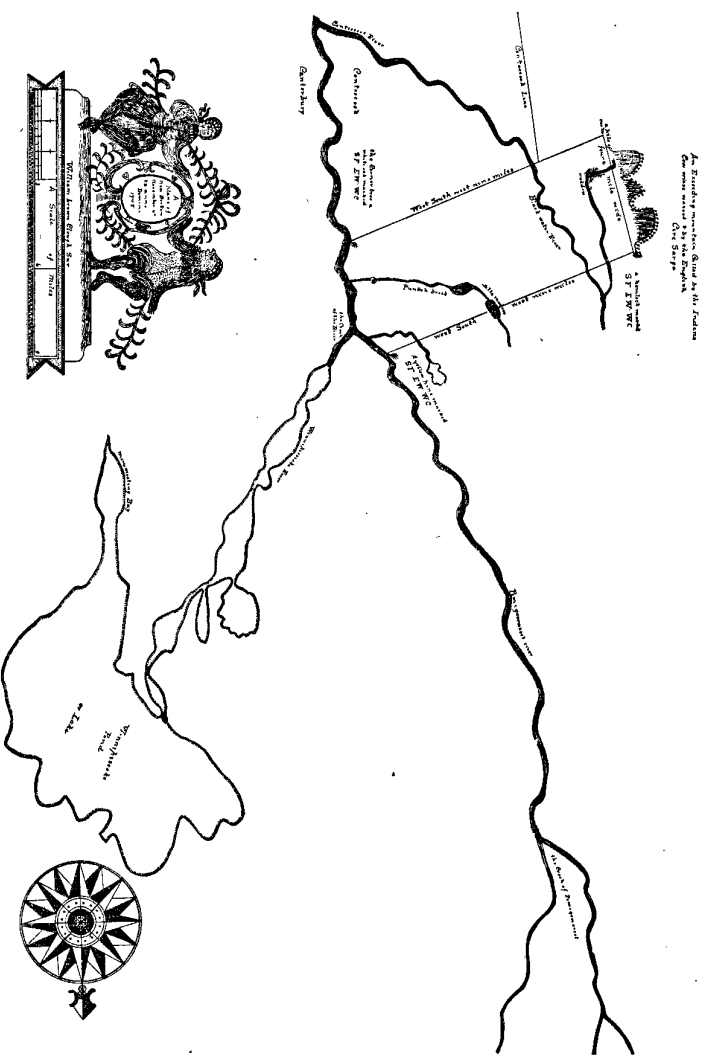
[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 53.]

Gentlemen

Agreable to your Order we have Runout a Township Adjoining to Maj<sup>r</sup> Stevens<sup>s</sup>, four miles wide upon the River & Nine miles Deep as appears by the Plan we have Lodg<sup>d</sup> But in as much as there is a Large Pond in y<sup>e</sup> Middle of S<sup>d</sup> Township Consisting of three miles Long & a mile wide, besides Several Small ponds & a Large Raggid mountain all which Take up a Very Considerable part of S<sup>d</sup> Township—

We Computeing the Loss Can't: Think we Shall be Equal to your Vote Except you please to Give us half a mile farther upon Pemigawassitt River & Then Run a west Line 'till we Come to Black Water River & Let that be our Hed Line till it will Cross y<sup>e</sup> hed Line in y<sup>e</sup> Plan & from thence Run to the Corner of Major Stevens<sup>s</sup> Township We would also Desire y<sup>e</sup> Sole Priviledg of black Water river So

[Plan of Andover, 1748.]



A Town Joyning upon the northend side of Contoocook & upon the western side of the Croch of the river which has ben lately run round for the Cape brition men of hampton: the said town was formerly laid out by the masachusetts, & whereas them Grants are in no force we the said Cape brition men desire to have it Confirmed to Us, & the town is nine mile long & four mile wide, Joyning upon Contoocook, this town may be propaly Called new Briton if his Excellacy allows of the name.  
 Left Ezekiel Worthen Insa<sup>s</sup> Samuil french Cominly men : William brown Clough Surveyer november ye 22, 1748

far as it is our Hed Line: And we think If you Grant us our request It will not make us more landed than you have made Major Stevens' township: But would Submitt to your better Judgment which you will be able to form when you Carefully Examine his & our plans & Request

Portsmouth Dec<sup>r</sup> 28 1749

Anth<sup>y</sup> Emery  
Edm<sup>d</sup> Brown

The Tract for Anthony Emery Edmund Brown & others beging on y<sup>e</sup> westerly side of Pimichewasset River beging at a Great Rock which is y<sup>e</sup> North Easterly Bounds of y<sup>e</sup> tract of land granted unto Ebenezer Stevens Esq<sup>r</sup> Jedediah Philbrick and others then running west seventeen Degrees South ten mile then beging at the s<sup>d</sup> Rock and runing up the River four miles, then running west seventeen degrees south ten miles then running on a strait line to the end of the first Ten Mile line—

[*Petition of Veasey and Connor, 1750.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 54.*]

Gentlemen Proprietors to the Right of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup>

The Humble Petition of Jeremiah Veasey & Sam<sup>n</sup> Conner Sheweth/ That whereas there was a Petition Signed By Daniell wormall & others with your Petitioners names in it for a township And was proceeded on Laid out & return made and the Burthen of one hundred & Eighty one Pounds ten shillings Charges Lais on your Petitioners & Geo: Creighton Nathan Taylor John Wells Thomas Lucas David Coner Tho<sup>s</sup> Veasey Jeremiah Coner jun<sup>r</sup> & Kingsley James—and aft that Expencc Your Honours Granted the same Tract to Edmund Brown & others—Wherefore your Petitioner Prays Som Consideration in Sum other Vacant Land—

And your Petitioners in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray

Jeremiah Veasey } in Behalf  
Sam<sup>n</sup> Connor } of the rest

[*Charter of Andover, 1751.*]

[*Masonian Proprietors' Records, Nov. 20, 1751.*]

Province of } Portsmouth November y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1751—Wenesday  
New Hampshire } Six of the Clock afternoon at the house of Ann  
Slayton The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment

Voted That there be & hereby is Granted unto Edmund Brown William Swain Archelaus Lakeman John Hoyt John Brown Daniel Cram Nathan Row Amos Dwinell Daniel Sanborne John Sanborne Joseph Gove Benjamin Leavitt Nathan Longfellow David Norton Walter Williams Benjamin Swett Jun<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Shaw Benjamin Tilton Joseph Prescott Thomas Sillea Israel Blake John Ellis Daniel Weare Nathaniel Healey Benjamin Sanborne Robert Miller Tobias Lakeman all of Hampton Falls in said Province Edward Brown & Jonathan Beck of Salisbury in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay Samuel Bathrick of Portsmouth in said Province of New Hampshire Ezekiel Worthen Joseph Weare Samuel Blake Jun<sup>r</sup> John Chapman Samuel Blake Nathan Dow Samuel French William Brown Clough, Jesse Prescott Ebenezer Loverin all of Kensington in the Province of New Hampshire aforesaid Anthony Emery John Marston Simon Marston Joshua Towle Daniel Marston John Leavitt Jonathan Leavitt Nathaniel Bachelder all of Hampton in the Province of New Hampshire Aforesaid Samuel French Richard Smith Benjamin Eaton Joseph French Hezekiah Karr Benjamin French all of South Hampton & Hampton Falls in the Province of New Hampshire aforesaid—David Page David Lowel, Nason Cass, Joseph Rawlins all of Exeter in said Province of New Hampshire Jonathan Sanborne of Kingston in the Province Afores<sup>d</sup> Robert Calf of Chester in the Province of New Hampshire aforesaid—On the Terms Conditions and Limitations herein after Expressed, all that Tract of Land within the Province of New Hampshire Containing the quantity of about forty Square Miles Bounded as follow's Viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at a Great Rock on the Westerly side of Pemigewassett River which Rock is the Northeasterly Bounds of a Tract of Land Granted to Ebenezer Stevens Jedediah Philbrick & others by said Proprietors; Then Running West Seventeen Degrees South ten Miles Then Beginning again at said rock & Running up the River so far as to Contain four Miles upon a Strait Line thence West Seventeen Degrees South Ten Miles Thence on a Strait line to the end of the first ten Mile line—

To have & to Hold to them their Heirs & Assigns forever in Equal Shares on the following Terms Conditions & Limitations that is to say the Tract of Land within the said Boundaries (Saving what is hereinafter mentioned to be otherwise Improved) be divided into Eighty one Shares or Rights & each Share to be laid out into three Distinct Lots The Two first to Contain each an hundred acres and the other all the Rest of the Land Belonging to each Respective Share That the whole be laid out as Equitably as Possible That the three Lots belonging to one Share be Numbred with the Same Number so as

to make but one Draught for the three Lots belonging to Each Share That the said Land be so laid Out within Nine Months from the Granting Thereof & then the Lots Drawn for in the Usual Manner of Drawing for Lots of Land in such Cases And that this be done at Portsmouth aforesaid under the Care and Direction of the Grantors & a true plan thereof Returned at the same time to the Grantors— That one of the said Shares be for the first Minister of the Gospel who Shall be Settled on the said Land & Continue there Dureing his life or untill he Shall be Regularly Dismiss'd—To hold to him his heirs & Assigns—And one other of the said Shares to be for & towards the Support of the Gospel Ministry there forever—And the first hundred Acre Lots belonging to these two Shares shall be laid out as near the place where the Meeting house Shall be built as may Conveniently be done—and not be drawn for as the other Lots That there be ten Acres of Land Left & Reserved forever in some Convenient place within said Boundaries for Building a Meeting house— & School house upon and for a Training Field a Burying place & any other Publick use the Inhabitants there may have Occasion for that one other of said Shares be for the use & Support of a School there forever—

That Eighteen of the said Shares be & hereby are Reserved to the use of the said Proprietors the Grantors in these Presents their heirs And Assigns That the owners of the other Sixty Shares make a Regular Settlement there at their Own Charge & Expence in the following manner Viz' That fifteen Families be Settled upon said Tract of Land each having an house of Sixteen foot Square at Least or Equal thereto & four acres of Land Cleared & fitted for Tillage or mowing upon their Respective Shares within four years next after the Granting hereof & fifteen Families more so Settled within Six years from the Granting & thirty Families more within ten years from the Granting hereof That within Eight Years from the Granting hereof a meeting house be Built for the Publick Worship of God & fitted for that Purpose for the use of the Inhabitants there and that they maintain & Support the Constant Preaching of the Gospel there after the Expiration of ten years from the Granting hereof and that the said Grantees Determine within one year from the Date of the Grant which of the said Sixty Settlers shall be the first & Second fifteen & make Report to the said Grantors within one Year from the Date hereof—That there be Twenty acres of Land left in some Suitable place within said Boundaries for a Priviledge & Accom'odation of a Saw mill with Suitable Roads leading thereto which shall be to him or them his & their heirs & assigns (the Roads Excepted) who shall build Such A mill within three-years from the Granting hereof with

the Priviledge of the most Convenient Stream & place for Doing the same & in Consideration thereof for the Benefit of the said Inhabitants the owner or Owners of such mill shall Saw the Logs & Timber of the other of the said Inhabitants or such as are preparing to Build there to the halves for the term of Seven years next after the said Mill shall first Work if desired so to do & if no Particular Person or Persons of the owners of said Shares or such other person or persons as the Majority of them shall Permit to do the same will undertake to Build such mill on the terms aforesaid; Then the said owners shall do the same at their Common Charge & put the said mill under such a Regulation as that they & other Inhabitants there or such as shall be preparing to Settle may have their Logs & Timber Sawed at the halves as Occasion may require for Building on the Land hereby Granted That each owner of the said Sixty shares pay to such Person or Persons as the Majority of them shall Elect for that Purpose—all such Sum and sums of money or bills of Publick Credit as the said owners or the major part of them shall Determine to be necessary from time to time & as occasion shall Require to Defray the Charges of laying out the said land as aforesaid & other Matters & things necessary to be done for making a Settlement as aforesaid & performing the other matters & things herein Directed to be done

That the lots be laid out in Ranges where the land will admit of it best & land Left between the Ranges for highways of four Rods wide & also between the lots as many roads as may be thought Convenient, of four Rods Wide & that a plan of the whole when so laid out be made at the Charge of the said Owners & Returned to the Grantors when said Lots are drawn for as aforesaid, That the Eighteen Shares Reserved as aforesaid be Exonerated acquitted & fully Exempted from paying any Charge towards making said Settlement and not held to the Conditions of the Sixty Shares aforesaid nor be liable to any Tax or Assessment untill Improved by the Grantors their heirs or assigns—That all white pine Trees fit for Masting the Royal Navy be & hereby are Reserved & Granted to his Majesty his heirs & Successors forever for that Purpose—

That in Case any one or more of the first fifteen Setlers their Heirs Executors administrators or Assigns shall neglect & omitt doing & performing what is to be done & performed by the said first fifteen Setlers Respectively within the time herein limited then such Delinquent owner or owners share in the said tract of Land shall be forfeited unto the other forty five owners & others as shall have done their part & that they shall have the term of one year more for doing & Performing the Same—

And that in Case any one or more of the Second fifteen Setlers



their Heirs Executors Administrators or assigns Shall Neglect & omit to do & perform what is to be done & performed by the said Second fifteen Setlers Respectively within the time herein limited then Such Delinquent owner or owners share in the said Tract of Land shall be forfeited unto the other thirty owners & others as shall have done their part & that they shall have the Term of one year more for the Doing & performing the same & that in Case Sixty families shall not be Settled within the time herein Limited by the said Sixty owners their Heirs or assigns—then the whole of the said Sixty Shares shall revert unto the Grantors their Heirs or Assigns and that the said Grantors their Heirs or assigns shall & may enter into the Same & take Possession thereof as tho this Grant had never been made—

Provided always in Case of an Indian war within any of the Terms of Years above Limited for the Doing any of the said Matters & things aforesaid by the said Owners to be done the same number of Years as Such war shall last shall be allowed after that Impediment shall be removed and in Case any Action or Suit shall be bro't against the Grantees or any of them for the said Tract of Land or any part thereof—

In the Right of the King under the Massachusetts Province the Claim of Sam<sup>l</sup> Allen Esq<sup>r</sup> Deceas'd or the Million Acre Grant so Called the said Grantees are hereby Obligated to Vouch the said Grantors or such of the said Grantees as shall be so Sued shall so do, & the said Grantors hereby Promise & Ingage they their heirs Executors administrators or assigns shall & will at their own Cost & Expence Defend one Action or Suit upon one of the said Titles or Rights & pursue the same to final Judgement through the whole Course of the law (if there shall be Occation) and in Case the final Judgement in such trial shall be against the said Grantors the Grantees shall Recover nothing over in Satisfaction of and from the said Grantors their Heirs Executors or Administrators or any of them— Provided also that the said Grantees do Sign an Instrument within nine months from the Granting hereof therein Acknowledging that they do hold the same under the Grantors and thereby Obliging themselves to do & perform what they are Enjoined to do & perform and Return said Instrument to the Grantors within the time aforesaid—



[*Grant of Forfeited Shares to Town Proprietors, 1752.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Feb. 20, 1752.]

Province of } Portsmouth February 20<sup>th</sup> 1752. Thursday  
New Hampshire } Six of the Clock afternoon at the house of Ann  
Slayton—The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Whereas the said Proprietors on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1751 Granted to Edmund Brown William Swain Archelaus Lakeman & others a Certain Tract of Land in said Province Containing the Quantity of about forty Square miles Bounded as follows Viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at a Great Rock on the Westerly side of Pemigwasset River which Rock is the North Easterly Bounds of a Tract of Land Granted to Eben<sup>r</sup> Stevens Jedidiah Philbrick & others by said Proprietors then Running West Seventeen Degrees South ten Miles then Beginning again at said Rock and Running up the River so far as to Contain four Miles upon a Strait line thence West Seventeen Degrees South ten Miles thence on a Strait line to the end of the first Ten mile Line on Certain Terms Conditions & Limitations Particularly Set forth & Expressed in the Vote Whereby the said Grant was made among which is the Article following that in case Sixty Families Shall not be Settled within the time Limited (in said Vote for the Settling of that Number) by the owners of Sixty Shares of the said Tract of Land (who are to make said Settlement) or their Heirs or Assigns the Grantors their Heirs or Assigns shall & may Enter into the same and take Possession thereof as tho<sup>t</sup> the said Grant had never been made

And Whereas it has been Represented to the said Proprietors in behalf of the Grantees that from other Articles in said Vote it was Necessary a Short time farther than that Limited in said Vote for the Settling of the said Sixty Families should be granted and Allowed for the perfecting of said Settlement as the case may happen in Carrying on the same. Which motion having been Considered & the said Proprietors being desirous of giving all Reasonable Encouragement to the said Settlers and of having the said Settlement Effected according to the Design of the Grant—

Voted Therefore that the share of each of the said Grantees who were to make the said Settlement according to said Vote & who shall not have performed & done his part & Duty therein at the time limited in the said Vote for the Co'pleating & perfecting the Settlement of Sixty Families on said Land according to the true Intent and meaning thereof be & hereby is granted to such of said Grantees as shall have Done & performed their Respective part and Duty therein Provided Nevertheless & on this Condition only that those

Grantees who shall have so Settled shall & do well & Truly perform the part Duty and business of such neglecting and Delinquent person within the Term of Six months from the Expiration of the term Limited in said Vote for the Compleating the Settlement of Sixty Families as aforesaid which Term of Six months is hereby granted to them for that Purpose but in Default hereof this Vote shall be Void & the grant of said Land be & Remain on the Conditions & Limitations of the former Vote & as tho' this Vote had never been passed anything herein Contained to the Contrary thereof Notwithstanding

[*Draft of Lots in Andover, 1753.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 239.]

Province of } Portsmouth July 4<sup>th</sup> 1753, Wednesday Six of  
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon—At a Meeting of the Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in New Hampshire—the Draft of the Lots of the Tract of Land granted unto Edmund Brown William Swain, Archelaus Lakeman & others Nov<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1751, under the Direction of the Proprietors, as follows—

first Minister	Lot N <sup>o</sup> 19	Ministry	N <sup>o</sup> 62
School Lot	17	John Brown	71
Benjamin Shaw	44	Edward Brown	16
Benjamin Sandbutn	56	Richard Wibird Esq <sup>r</sup>	23
Tobias Lakeman	75	Israel Blake	4
John Moffat Esq <sup>r</sup>	70	William Swain	14
Nath <sup>l</sup> Healey	55	John Chapman	43
Thomas Sillea	22	David Norton	32
Benj <sup>s</sup> Leavet	29	John Thomlinson Esq <sup>r</sup>	54
John Hoit	77	William Brown Clough	41
Mark H <sup>s</sup> Wentworth Esq.	64	Eben <sup>r</sup> Loverin	7
Law Lot N <sup>o</sup> 1	30	Simon Marston	38
Anthony Emery	69	Tho <sup>s</sup> Wallingford Esq <sup>r</sup>	67
Daniel Cram	13	Joseph Weare	37
Robert Miller	25	Nathan Dow	79
Nathan Longfellow	73	Robert Calf	66
Jonathan Beck	1	Joshua Towle	50
Joseph Gove	15	David Lowell	74
Law Lot N <sup>o</sup> 2	40	Walter Williams	8

Joshua Peirce Esq <sup>r</sup>	48	Samuel French	24
the Right of Jonathan {		John Ellis	45
Odiorne Esq <sup>r</sup> decess <sup>d</sup> }	72	John Sanburn	49
Ezekiel Worthen	3	Jonathan Leavit	34
Jn <sup>o</sup> Thomlinson & }		Benj <sup>a</sup> Swett jun <sup>r</sup>	28
Jn <sup>o</sup> Tufton Mason Esq <sup>rs</sup> }	36	Joseph Prescott	76
Archelaus Lakeman	12	John Rindge	47
Amos Dwinal	31	Nathan Row	27
Joseph French	10	Richard Smith	58
Benj <sup>a</sup> Tilton	57	Thomas Packer Esq	46
Samuel Blake jun <sup>r</sup>	35	Joseph Rawlins	33
Samuel French	21	George Jaffrey Esq <sup>r</sup>	63
Jesse Prescott	65	John Marston	61
Nath <sup>l</sup> Meserve Joseph {		Samuel Blake	11
Blanchard Esq <sup>rs</sup> &c }	2	Theodore Atkinson Esq <sup>r</sup>	81
Samuel Bathrick	51	Daniel Weare	6
John Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup>	18	Benj <sup>a</sup> French	26
Dan <sup>l</sup> Peirce & Mary Moore	53	Hezekiah Karr	42
Sam <sup>l</sup> Solly & Cl <sup>r</sup> March Esq.	52	Daniel Marston	5
Daniel Sanburn	68	Nath <sup>l</sup> Bachelder	39
Edmund Brown	20	Nason Cass	60
Benjamin Eaton	9	John Leavet	78
David Page	80		
Jonathan Sanburn	59		

A true Draft of the Lots to the names to whom drawn of above-said Tract of Land under the Care & Direction of said Proprietors—  
attest Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Clerk

A true Copy of the Record of the Draft of the Lotts in the Township granted to Brown &c<sup>a</sup>

Attest Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cl

[*Complaints from Andover, 1767.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 55.*]

a letter of Complaint from the Settlers of the township of New-britton to the genteel Men grantors of Said township Whereas your honers Ware plesed to grant this township to a Sertain number of men and they having givn Som Small incourigment for Settling We a few of us have under taken to Settle in Said town we would inform

you genteelmen that we undergo a great deel of Difekly on the a Count of the proprieters being backword in premoting the Settlement of this town they are not Carefull to perform what they promised us neithe can we learn as they give any incouregment at all for any more to Com into the town they Clear us no rodes buld us no bridges indeed they have bult us a Saw mill but that not being Completed as it ought to be that we git our bords with a grat deel of Difikelty but this is not all we Suffer more abundently for want of a grist mill we have been forsed to go twenty mils to mill this year with a teem and men upon [torn] three Days and nights by these and such like difikelty and many more which would be needless for us to menten is the grate means why people do not settle in the town if the proprieters would give any proper Incourigment there is men Stands radey to Settle in the town but by the bakwardness of the proprieters they are Discoriged and it hath almost Discoriged us for in removing into Suchey Distent wildrness we are Deprived of the priviledge of the gospel which is one grate Discourigment and things at present lookes very Dull with us and without there be Some further Care taken we Sea nothing else but we are likley to spend the rest of our Days in a wildrness without the gospel as those hethen natives of the land hath Done before us and therefore genteelmen we your most humble Sarvents would be gratly obliged to you if you would be So Chereteble to us as to Star up and move forward our proprieters in the further Settlement of this town for we Cannot Sea as they have any regard to their fellow Creters but only for their own privet intrest atrying to Save their land with as little Cost as possible and we at the Same time are the grate Suffers by this means and genteelmen this is our Complaint hoping that your Honours will do Sumthing for our releff

Dated at Newbitton November the 5 / 1767

william morey  
Israel Graves  
Samuel rano

Samuel Blake  
elias rano  
Samuel Scribnor

Edward Sade  
Sim Connor  
Joseph fellows

CHARTER RECORDS.

[Improvements in Andover, 1771.]  
 [Extract from Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 49.]

Persons worked in New Britton & the Settlements & Improvements Made their in & the Lots began on

	Houses	Famelys	years	Months	Acres Im- proved.	years	Acres Cut	years	months	No of Lots	Division	under whom or whom drawn by
1	1	1	8		30					37	1	Joseph Wire
2	1	1	8		25					41	1	William Brown
3	1	1	5		15					45	1	John Ellis
4	1	1	5		20					43	1	John Chatman
5	1	1	5		20					59	1	Jonathan Sambon
6	1	1	5		11					55	1	Nathaniel Eley Esqr
7	1	1	5		20					35	3	his own
8	1	1	5		24					39	1	Nathaniel Bachelor
9	1	1	14		4					—	2	Abner Filbrick
10	1	1	1		3					33	3	Bought of Joseph Rawling
11	1	1	6		16					35	1	Samuel Blake
12	1	1	4		10					55	1	Bought of Simmeon Connors
13	1	1	8		6					22	2	Thomas Sella has Been himself 2
14	famely	Comeing	3		2		4			—	—	years Resident
1	—	—	—		7		3	2		61	1	John Masting
2	—	—	—		3		20	3		26	3	Richard Smith
3	—	—	—		3		5	1		27	1	his own
4	—	—	—		—		1	1		1	3	Samuel Blake
5	—	—	—		—		3	1		13	3	Daniel Crane
6	—	—	—		1		5	5		29	1	—
7	Bought	a Lot of a Lord	—		1		14	—		—	—	—
8	Proprietor &	Improves	—		1		—	—		—	—	—
9	Docter	Emmery	—		—		—	—		—	—	—
10	Docter	Antony Emmery	—		—		—	—		—	—	—

built a Saw mill 4 years Since on  
 the Proprietors Cost  
 Built a Grist mill on y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors  
 Cost

10) Docter Antony Emmery Cut two acres on one wright & about 4 acres on a nother wright this Summer Past—

[*Charter Renewed, 1771.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Nov. 6, 1771.]

Province of } Portsmouth November 6<sup>th</sup> 1771. Wednesday  
 New Hampshire } at the dwelling house of James Stoodly Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Innholder the Proprietors meet according to adjournment

Whereas the Proprietors on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 1751, did Vote and grant unto Sixty persons, Edmund Brown William Swain and others, named in Said grant, to have and to hold to them their Heirs and assigns for ever a certain Tract of Land, in Said Grant bounded and described, & upon certain conditions Terms and limitations therein expressed, with certain reservations—and whereas the Said Grantees their Heirs or Assigns, had not complied with the Terms and Conditions of Said Grant as therein limitted the Said Proprietors the Grantors have by their Agent entered into the Same Tract of Land, granted as aforesaid, and taken possession thereof agreeable to the Reservation in said Grant— Since which, The Said Grantees by a Committee have made Application, earnestly desiring a grant of further time to fulfill the Terms and Conditions of their former grant of Said Tract of Land—upon Consideration of their request, and willing to favour the Said Grantees, by granting the further time they propos'd, and declared their Intention of performing the Settlements &<sup>c</sup> upon Condition, of the Said Grantees their Heirs or assigns fulfilling and performing the Terms and Articles expressed in Said Grant, made and voted on the said 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 1751—within two years, from this Sixth day of November 1771: the Said Tract of land except the reservations made in the beforementioned grant—be and hereby is Voted and granted to the Said Grantees their Heirs and Assigns, if the Said Grantees their Heirs and assigns shall not perform the Terms, and Articles expressed in the Said former Grant, within the Said two years herein limitted, then the Proprietors the grantors, may and shall by themselves, or any person or persons in their behalf, reenter and take possession of Said tract of land for their Use—as though this, or any former grant of the Premises had never been made—

## ANTRIM.

[This town was part of a tract of land called *Cumberland*, afterwards *Society Land*. Incorporated March 22, 1777, and named from a town in Ireland.

See XI, Hammond Town Papers, 105; Index to Laws, 22; sketch, by W. R. Cochrane, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1882, p. 252; Half-Century Sermon, 1838, by John M. Whiton, pp. 24; Brëif Notices of the Town, by John M. Whiton, 4, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 216; History, 1744—1844, by John M. Whiton, 1852, pp. 96; History, by W. R. Cochrane, 1880, pp. 792; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 19; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 149.]

[*Petition of Eb: Storer, 1753.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 56.]

To The Hon<sup>ble</sup> The<sup>e</sup> Atkinson & Rich<sup>d</sup> Wibird Esq<sup>r</sup> & Others the Purchasers & Proprietors of Masons Rights

Gentlemen I have a Farm of Three hundred acres of Land Lying in your Province which was formerly Granted by our Generall Court to one Jonathan Butterfield which I afterward purchased of Gershom Keyes which land is bounded as follows Adjoyning to the Township N<sup>o</sup> 7 in the line of Towns Begining at a Hemlock Tree Markt with Letter A standing in the south line of s<sup>d</sup> Township N<sup>o</sup> 7 thre Miles from the Southeast Corner & from thence South by a line of Markt trees 320 Rods to a stake & stones to Letter B from thence North one hundred & Sixty Rods by a line of Markt Trees to a Hemlock Tree to Letter C from thence North 320 Rods by a line of Markt trees to a Stake & stones in afores<sup>d</sup> Line to Letter D. from thence with

the line where it began so that upon y<sup>e</sup> whole Gentlemen My Petition is to y<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>r</sup> that you would pleas<sup>d</sup> to Confirm the s<sup>d</sup> Three hundred Acres of Land to me or otherwise to give me an Equivalent some where Else & y<sup>r</sup> Petitioner shall as in Duty bound ever pray

Port<sup>a</sup> April 13<sup>th</sup> 1753

Eb: Storer

[*Petition of David Baldwin, 1753.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 57.]

Province of } To the Proprietors of the Right to the Lands in  
New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> } Said Province Commonly Called and known by  
the Name of John Tufton Mason's

THE PETITION of David Baldwin Late of Sudbury now of Water-town in the County of Middlesex in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay Gent. Shews

That on the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1741 he Purchased of one Gershom Keys by his Deed of that Date a Tract of Land in the Province of New Hampshire Bounded as follows viz—Adjoining to the Township N<sup>o</sup> 7 in the Line of Towns So Called begining at an Hemlock Tree Marked with the Letter A. Standing in the South Line of Said Township N<sup>o</sup> 7 three Miles from the South East Corner & from thence runing South Eleven Degrees & thirty Minutes West by a Line of Marked Trees three Hundred & twenty rods to a Stake & Stones to the Letter B, thence East five Degrees & thirty Min<sup>a</sup> North One hundred & Sixty Rods by a Line of Mark'd Trees to an Hemlock Tree to the Letter C. thence North Eleven Deg. & thirty Min<sup>a</sup> East three Hundred & twenty Rods by a Line of Markd Trees to a Stake & Heap of Stones in the aforesaid Town Line to the Letter D. from thence with Said Line to where it began with Six Acres more on the West Side of the Southerly Branch of Contoocoke River lying in the Said Township N<sup>o</sup> 7 bounded South on the afores<sup>d</sup> Farm East on the Said Branch North on a farm belonging to W<sup>m</sup> Moore & Weston a Lot N<sup>o</sup> 46. in Said Township N<sup>o</sup> 7 & also Ninety four Acres to be taken off from the South End of the House Lots 45, 47, & N<sup>o</sup> 46 &c —as may more fully appear by Said Deed—That yo<sup>r</sup> Petitioner as been at very Considerable Expence in order to make a Settlem<sup>t</sup> there & has done a great deal of Labour on & Cleard a Great Quantity of the Land fit for Improvem<sup>t</sup> So that Including the purchase Sum he has been at upwards of a Thousand pound Expence on the Same

WHEREFORE he prays your Consideration of the Premises & that you woud be pleas'd to Grant & Confirm to him Your Title to the Said purchased Lands which Your Petitioner Shall Ever Gratefully Acknowledge & Comply with any just & Equitable Terms of holding under you

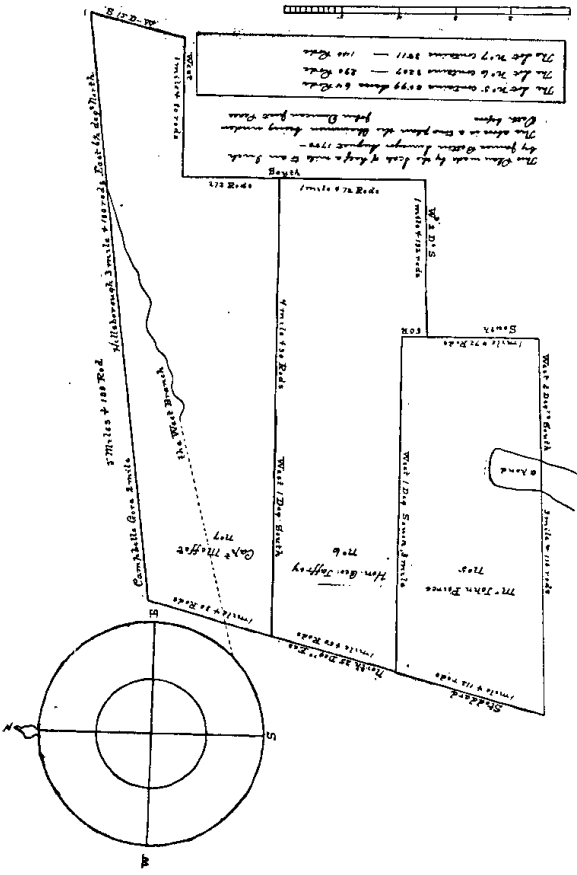
Portsmouth May 24<sup>th</sup> 1753

David Baldwin



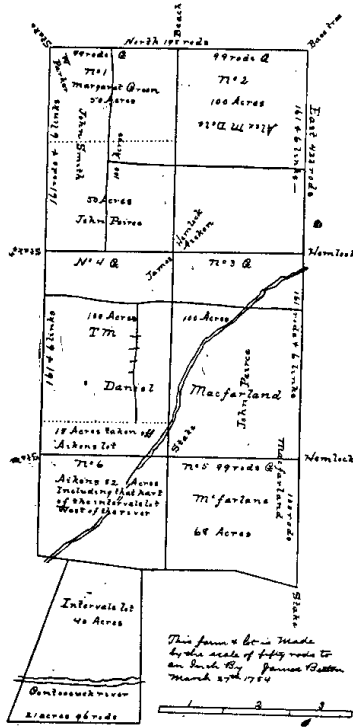
[Plan of Three Lots in Antrim, 1780.]

A small copy on one side of the plan returned by George Mason Esq. of a letter in Antrim  
 about the 15th of July 1780  
 confirmed by the 9th of August 1780





[Plan of Interval Farm, 1784.]

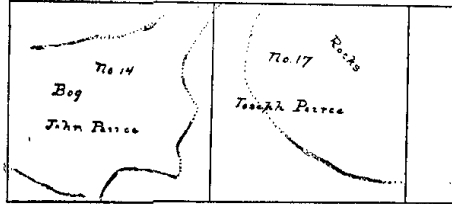


A Plan of the Interval farm, to which is annexed the Interval Lot Belonging to the Heirs of Peirce & Moore lying mostly in Antrim the whole Contains five Hundred & Eighty four Acres Exclusive of twenty one acres East of the river Contoocuck which 21 Acres is very Bad Said farm & lot is N<sup>o</sup> 5 each in the Original Plan That part of the lot N<sup>o</sup> 4 east of the prick<sup>d</sup> line is 18 Acres taken off Aikins lot, which makes N<sup>o</sup> 4 one hundred Acres

N B the lot No 5 is Mostly improved on which M<sup>c</sup>farlane is Settled he has also Some improved on N<sup>o</sup> 3 one James Dinsmor is Settled on N<sup>o</sup> 4 and has about 20 acres improved and Some little on N<sup>o</sup> 1: one John Smith has improvements on N<sup>o</sup> 1 & N<sup>o</sup> 4 about 15 Acres One Alexander M<sup>c</sup>Dole is Settled on N<sup>o</sup> 2 Improvements about fifteen Acres

N: B Aikins lot Originally Comprahended the Interval lot west of the river

[Plan of Two Lots.]



*Reason for Thomas wishes to purchase these two lots - and offers \$200 for both part of the great right in Antrim*

[Deed for Lot in Antrim, 1797.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 58.]

Know all Men by these presents that We Edward Baston Long of the City of Bath & Kingdom of Great Britain Esquire and Mary Long wife of the said Edward in her Right by our Attorney John Peirce of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham and State of New Hampshire Merchant Duely constituted & empowered by us, For and in consideration of the sum of Two hundred dollars to our said Attorney in hand paid or secured to be paid by Francis Brown of Antrim in the County of Hillsborough Husbandman the Receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge, have remised, released, sold & Conveyed, and by these presents, do remise, release, sell, & Convey, to him the Said Francis Brown, his heirs & Assigns, all the right, Title, Interest, claim, and Demand, which we or either of us have, in & to One hundred Acres of Land, in said Antrim, being part of George Jaffreys original Right in that tract, that was first Called & known by the name of the Society Land, and is said to be Lot Number four, or how-

ever otherwise the same is or may be Numbred it is bounded as followeth begining at the southeastly Corner of said Jaffreys large Lot there, then runing Northerly one hundred Rods, then Westerly one hundred & Sixty Rods, then south' one hundred Rods, then Easterly One hundred and Sixty Rods, to the bounds begun at.—To have & to hold said Released premises, with the appurtenances thereof, to him the said Francis Brown his heirs & assigns, to his & their proper use, benefit & behoof forever, hereby Engaging to Warrant & defend the said granted premises, against all claims, or Demands, of any person or persons claiming by from or under us, or said George Jaffrey Esquire, who by deed conveyed said Land to Thomas Nichols, and said Nichols to the Grandfather of said Mary, who is sole heir to all his real Estate—

In Witness whereof we the said Edward Baston Long & Mary Long by our Attorney John Peirce aforesaid have hereunto set our hands & seals this 19<sup>th</sup> Day of December 1797—

Signed Sealed & Delivered	Edward Baston Long by	} Seal }
in presence of—	his Attorney John Peirce	
Richard Tucker	Mary Long by her	} Seal }
R: Cutts Shannon	Attorney John Peirce	

State of New Hampshire }  
 Rockingham ss— } Portsmouth Dec<sup>r</sup> 20 1797

Then Edward Baston Long & Mary Long by their attorney John Peirce appearing acknowledged this Instrument to be their free act & Deed

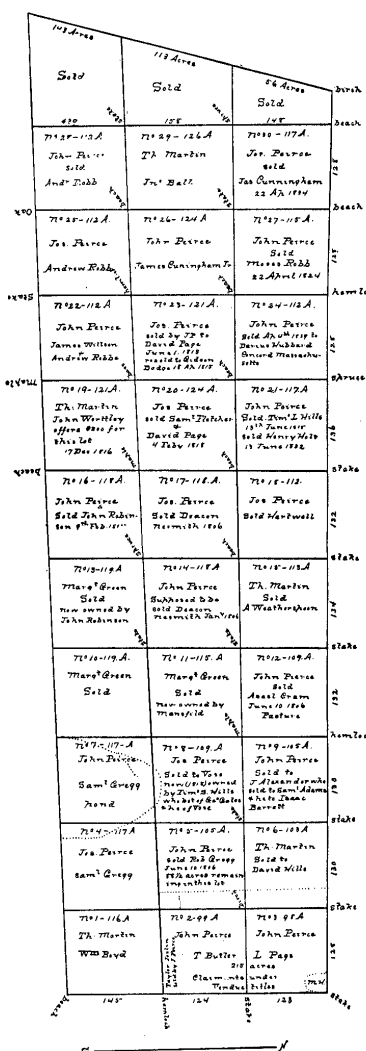
before

R: Cutts Shannon  
 Jus: peace

[Endorsed] Edw<sup>d</sup> B. Long & wife to Tho<sup>s</sup> Brown

This Deed taken up & a new one given owing to an error in writing Thomas for Frances

This plan divides the grant No 60 in 113 lots. Originally drawn to John Bruce Esquire and others purchased from a field of 90 acres to be laid by John Bruce November 15th 1788

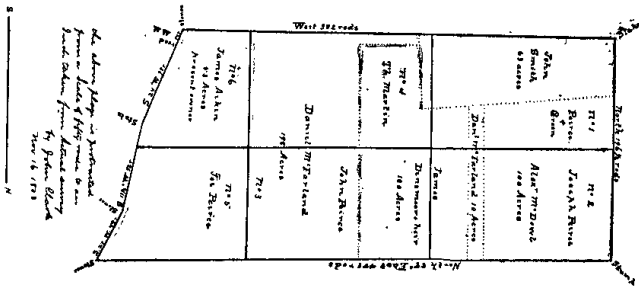


The plan shows the plan of the land as it was divided into 113 lots in the year 1788 and is now divided into 113 lots in the year 1803.

[Plan of Lot in Antrim, 1803.]

[Plan of Interval Farm, 1803.]

The Plan describes the Interval farm in Antrim No 25 being part of the Original Rights granted to John Peirce Esq and others containing in the whole 624 Acres



The names of the present owners with the number of their acres are included within the several dotted lines

[Disposal of Certain Lots in Antrim, 1804.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 59.]

I will give M<sup>r</sup> Andrew Robbe the refusal of Lot N<sup>o</sup> twenty two until the middle of June next at three hundred Dollars—February 25, 1804

John Peirce

Lot N<sup>o</sup> 22 in Antrim is conveyed by me to James Wilson Esq & Andrew Deed Dated July 12 1803 delivered to M<sup>r</sup> Thayer the Post

I have given M<sup>r</sup> Robbe the refusal of Lot N<sup>o</sup> 22 until the middle of June Next at 300 D.

Feb<sup>y</sup> 25, 1804—

Engaged to sell Samuel White Lot of Land in Antrim N<sup>o</sup> 25 adjoining on Robbes Lot N<sup>o</sup> 28—

[*Deed of a Lot in Antrim, 1813.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 60.*]

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT I, JOHN PEIRCE, of Portsmouth, in the County of Rockingham, and State of New-Hampshire, Merchant: For and in consideration of the sum of Three hundred and Sixty three Dollars—to me in hand, paid before the delivery hereof, by Daniel Page of Antrim in the County of Hillsborough and State aforesaid Yeoman the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, have remitted, released, and forever quit claimed, and conveyed; and by these presents do remise, release, and forever quit claim and convey to him the said Daniel Page his heirs and assigns, all my right, title, claim, or demand whatsoever in and to a Lot of Land in Antrim aforesaid Containing One hundred twenty One Acres More or less and is Lot Number Twenty three in the Middle Range of Lots laid out on the Great Right Number Five and was part of the Right of Daniel Peirce and Mary Moore as may be found by the Records of the Masonian Proprietors and which was bequeathed me by my Brother Joseph Peirce Esquire deceased—TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said quit claimed and conveyed premises, with the appurtenances thereof, to him the said Daniel Page his heirs and assigns I hereby engaging to warrant and defend the said quit claimed premises, against all claims or demands of any person or persons claiming only by, from, or under me or the said Daniel Peirce & Mary Moore.—

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal, this first Day of June in the Year one thousand eight hundred & thirteen  
*Signed, Sealed, and Delivered*

*in presence of us,*  
John McClintock  
W<sup>m</sup> B Parker

John Peirce { Seal }

Rockingham ss Portsmouth June 1<sup>st</sup> 1813—

The above named John Peirce personally appearing acknowledged this instrument to be his free act and deed.

Before me,

John McClintock *Justice Peace.*

[*John Duncan's Recommendation, 1815.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 61.*]

M<sup>r</sup> Perce Sir the berrer Timothy S Hills wishes to purchase a Lot of Land of you being Lot N<sup>o</sup> 21 of an ordinary quality fit for nothing but pasturing if him and you Can agree you need not be afrade but you can get your pay

Antrim June 10<sup>th</sup> 1815

John Duncan



[*Memorandum of Lot in Antrim, 1816.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 61.*]

agreed to keep N<sup>o</sup> 20 Antrim till middle of May for Samuel Fletcher  
15<sup>th</sup> March 1816

M. W. Peirce

[*Bounds of Lot in Antrim.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 62.*]

Beginning at the Northwest corner at a Stake & stone, thence South two and one half degrees East, on the line of William M<sup>o</sup>Dowles land, one hundred & thirty six Rods to a stake and stones, thence East two & one half degrees; North forty five & and one half Rods on the line of John Smiths land to a stake and stones; thence South two & one half degrees; East fifty rods; to a Stake & Stones; thence North Eighty seven & one half East fifty two & one half Rods on William Smiths land to a Stake & Stones; thence, North two & one half degrees, West one hundred & eighty six rods, to a Stake and Stones; thence Westwardly ninety eight rods on the line of John Duncans land to the bounds first mentioned.

I have agreed to sell to Deacon Jon<sup>a</sup> Nesmith all my part of the within Land that N<sup>o</sup> 3 & N<sup>o</sup> 1 laid out by Betton may take out & I am to get a ded from T & A Martin & Joseph Peirce which Lot N<sup>o</sup> 2 & N<sup>o</sup> 4 may take out as pricked out by John Clark on his plan—at 10/ <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Acre to be paid in two Years with Interest afterwards—

## BARNSTEAD.

[Granted by Lieut. Gov. John Wentworth to Rev. Joseph Adams, of Newington, and others, May 20, 1727.

See New Hampshire charters preceding; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 136; Index to Laws, 45; sketch, Hurd's History of Belknap County, 1885, p. 711; Reunion, 1, Granite Monthly, 303; *id.*; ed. by H. N. Colbath, 1884, pp. 132; History, by J. P. Jewett, 1872, pp. 264; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, pp. 252, 375; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 481.]

[*Orders to Run Line between Barnstead and Alton.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 68.]

To Walter Bryant jun<sup>r</sup> Esq<sup>r</sup>

You are to proceed to survey and perambulate the Boundary Line between Barnstead and the Land called the Gore with all possible Exactness and Expedition for which purpose you are to repair to the marked Tree on the Northerly Corner of Barrington and taking if possible the old marked Line proceed upon it until Eight Miles be accomplished taking the utmost Care to observe the course of the said Line upon the Compass, and properly spotting the Trees as you go along. But if you cannot certainly find the said anciently marked Line then you are to proceed from the northerly Corner Bound of Barrington at the mark'd Tree aforesaid and measure Eight Miles upon a straight Line North West two Degrees and a half more northerly from the said Corner Tree, and after the said Eight Miles be accomplished that is to say if upon the ancient mark'd Line aforesaid but not otherwise to proceed on the said old Line two Miles further unto a Mark'd Tree a corner Bound of Gilman Town and the Gore. But If you shall find on arriving at the Period of the said Eight Miles on the Line running N<sup>o</sup> West 242 Degrees more northerly as aforesaid from the Corner Tree of Barrington that Gilmantown has encroached by settlements on the Gore You [are] then to proceed to the upper Corner of the Town of Barnstead next to the Town of Chichester and run from thence on the Head of the said Town of Barnstead North 42 Degrees East Six Miles, then North West Two Miles marking well the Corner Trees at the beginning and End of every Line.

As Soon after as possible that you have compleated the Survey as herein directed you are to make a just and particular Return thereof on Oath and to certify the Names of the Chainmen and that they were duely sworn to a faithful Performance.

Daniel Rogers	}	Committee of
Peter Pearse		Masons Propriety
Benj <sup>n</sup> Adams	}	Committee
John Nutter		for Barnstead



## BEDFORD.

[Granted by Massachusetts as *Narragansett No. 5*, Feb. 12, 1733-4. Afterwards called *Sowhegan East*. The grant was confirmed by the Masonian Proprietors Nov. 9, 1748. Incorporated as Bedford May 19, 1750, and named in honor of the Duke of Bedford. A portion of the town was annexed to Manchester July 1, 1853.

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 50; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 176; Index to Laws, 51; Topographical and Historical Sketch, 1, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 288; discourse, by Thomas Savage, 1841, pp. 16; centennial address, by Isaac O. Barnes, 1850, pp. 45; History, pub. by Alfred Mudge, 1851, pp. 364; historical discourse, by Ira C. Tyson, 1876, pp. 31; sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 265; History of the Catholic Church in the United States, by John G. Shea, 1890, Vol. 3, p. 108; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 22; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 156; Memorial Addresses on Life and Character of Zachariah Chandler, 1880; Life of Zachariah Chandler, 1880; sketch, 12, Farmer's Monthly Visitor, 47.]

[*Petition of Inhabitants of Bedford.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 64.]

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Proprietors of Masons Grant or Patent

We the Subscribers being Inhabatants of Sowhegan East being Sensible that by vertue of that Grant of the massachusetts we have no title to the Lands that we possess but that we Conceive the title to our Lands is in your Honnors we therefor Humbly pray your Hon<sup>rs</sup> of your Grate Goodness to Give us the Subscribers to Geather with the Rest of our Inhabitants a quit Clame of the Land Lying In the bounds of that tract of Land (Known by the name of Sowhegan East In the provence of new hampshier) to us and our heirs forever and your Humble Servants the Subscribers to Geather with the Rest of the presant Inhabitants Shall Ever pray

and we the Subscribers Do constute and apoint our beloved Neighburs and frinds John Goffe Sam<sup>l</sup> Patten and mathew Patten and James Walker and Moses Barron to Represent us before your Hon<sup>rs</sup> and pray your Hon<sup>rs</sup> to Except them as our Constitutants in that case

James Walker	Moses Barron	John Goffe
Hugh Ridell	Samuel Patten	Matt <sup>r</sup> patten
John Orr	John Quige	Robert Gillmor
Martha M <sup>c</sup> Quaid Widdow or Relict of James M <sup>c</sup> Quaid and her Children		

Ritchard mckallster	John Bell	jan Riddell
James Moor	John Moorhead	Benjamin Smith
John McDuggall	Alex <sup>r</sup> Walker	John Riddell Sinner
fargous Kennedy	william moor	William Patterson Juner
John Thomas	James Linne	James Little
Benjamin & John Kidder on the possion of		Benjamin Kidder dec <sup>d</sup>
Robert Gillmor Juniour	Eleazer Lyon	Jonathan Lyon

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[*Petition of Bedford for a Quit Claim, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 65.]

We the Subscribers being Appointed a Committee by the Grantees of a Tract of Land commonly call'd Naragunsett town N. 5, or Souhegan East, being inform'd that s<sup>d</sup> tract of Land falls within Masons Claim, do petition that the Purchasers of Masons Right, woud release & quit claim s<sup>d</sup> tract of Land, to the Massachusetts Grantees their Heirs & Assigns, as the same is already divided & laid out

Portsmouth Nov<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1748

E Miller

Edward White

To the Committee of the Purchasers of Masons Right

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[Report on Certain Lots in Bedford, 1750.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 66.]

home Lot	N <sup>o</sup> fifty	Rang	N <sup>o</sup> Lots	Rang	Third De- vis <sup>a</sup>	Meadow.		
N <sup>o</sup> 1	North Side	11	11	2	50	60	Gov <sup>r</sup> Belchar	These Rights as Far as I Can find has no improvement Don on them Nor no person in the town has any Claim to them that I know of— enson What third Devisions is Not here numbered I have no ACcount of and I have all that is on Record in the prop <sup>a</sup> Record—
N <sup>o</sup> 1	South Side	6	4	—	—	—	River	
35	17	15	5	—	—	—	Jacob Griggs	
37	2	10	9	5	80	94	Alford Buttler	
59	25	5	3	6	—	—	Isaac Hatch	
61	24	25	8	6	13	—	Jonath <sup>a</sup> Gay	
67	1	11	6	1	Meado	—	Tho <sup>s</sup> Jefferys	
76	6	7	3	—	—	—	w in the Same Joseph B	
74	N <sup>o</sup> a Ccount	of the	other	Devisions	Ben <sup>a</sup> Turner	—	Mad <sup>m</sup> Loveingstone	
79	30	31	4	115	83	—	Caleb Stedman	
71	23	24	5	104	80	—	Tho <sup>s</sup> Tilestone Esq <sup>r</sup>	
89	1	7	12	5	—	—	Jonath <sup>a</sup> Williams	
17	on Babus ett Brook	9	2	67	27	—	D <sup>r</sup> John Cuttler	
19	7	7	4	91	Mea	—	dowed James Pitts	
No home lots to these two Rights	25	26	4	—	—	—	Sam <sup>l</sup> Seward	
12	10	4	11	—	—	—	Tho <sup>s</sup> Plymly	

Deacon Jonathan Williams Farm of 120 Acres

These are the Original Prop<sup>a</sup> Names

All which is humbly Submitted to your honours Judgement  
 Bedford Oct<sup>r</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1750 by Math<sup>w</sup> Patten  
 To the Honourable Joseph Blanchard Esq<sup>r</sup>

[Proprietors' Reservations in Bedford, 1750.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Dec. 7, 1750, and Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 67.]

Province of New } Portsmouth December y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1750 fryday five of  
 Hampshire } the Clock afternoon at the house of Ann Slayton  
 the Proprietors meet according to adjournment  
 Voted That the proposed reserved Seventeen Shares in Souhegan

East So Called, otherwise Called Narraganset Number five, be Drawn for at this Meeting and that the Particular Home Lots as heretofore Surveyed and Laid out by the Claimers under the Mass<sup>a</sup> Government, that Shall be Drawn by any Particular Person or persons Shall be to the Respective Persons by whom Drawn and to whom Entered to have and to hold the same in Severalty to them their Heirs & Assigns Respectively forever and that the other divisions in said Tract of Land as heretofore Surveyed and laid out as aforesaid belonging unto the said Home lots Respectively, Shall be to the said Persons Respectively, who draw the said Home lots, to have & to hold the same in Severalty to them their Heirs & Assigns forever in the same manner and upon the same Conditions as they hold in Severalty the Sundry Tracts & Parcels of Land Voted to be held in Severalty by a Vote Passed by said Proprietors at a Meeting by them held on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 1750—

Pursuant to the above Vote the following Draft of the abovesaid Seventeen Shares reserved in Souhegan East so called otherwise called Naragansett Number five—was Voted to be Recorded in the following Manner as they were drawn at this Meeting—Namely—

	Home Lotts
1 <sup>st</sup> drawn to Theodore Atkinson Esqu <sup>r</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 39-	on Merrimack
2 <sup>d</sup> ----- Mess <sup>rs</sup> Meserve Blanchard	
Green & march -----	61—on Merrimack
3 <sup>d</sup> John Moffatt Esqu <sup>r</sup>	89—on Merrimack
4 <sup>th</sup> John Rindge	74—on Merrimack
5 <sup>th</sup> John Wentworth jun <sup>r</sup> Esqu <sup>r</sup>	83—on Merrimack
6 <sup>th</sup> George Jaffrey	20—on Babusook
7 <sup>th</sup> Mark Hunk <sup>s</sup> Wentworth Esqu <sup>r</sup>	41—on Merrimack
8 <sup>th</sup> Thomas Packer Esqu <sup>r</sup>	95—on Merrimack
9 <sup>th</sup> Jotham Odiorne Esqu <sup>r</sup>	69—on Merrimack
10 <sup>th</sup> William Parker Esqu <sup>r</sup>	1—on Merrimack
11 <sup>th</sup> Mary Moor & Dan <sup>l</sup> Peirce Esqu <sup>r</sup>	79—on Merrimack
12 <sup>th</sup> Mathew Livermore Esqu <sup>r</sup>	1—on Piscataquog
13 <sup>th</sup> Joshua Peirce Esqu <sup>r</sup>	65—on Merrimack
14 <sup>th</sup> Samuel Solly & Clem <sup>t</sup> March Esqu <sup>rs</sup>	75—on Merrimack
15 <sup>th</sup> Thomas Wallingford Esqu <sup>r</sup>	17—on Babusook
16 <sup>th</sup> Richard Wibird Esqu <sup>r</sup>	31—on Merrimack
17 <sup>th</sup> Jn <sup>o</sup> Thomlinson & Jn <sup>o</sup>	
Tufton Mason Esqu <sup>rs</sup>	35 on Merrimack

[*Proprietors' Reservations in Bedford, 1750.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 68.]

The original Proprietors names in the Narragansett Township N<sup>o</sup> five Now Bedford whose Rights were drawn by the Proprietors of M<sup>r</sup> Masons Right as they are Recorded in the Proprietors Book

- N<sup>o</sup> 39 home lott Joseph Prince Drawn by Col<sup>o</sup> Atkinson  
 N<sup>o</sup> 61 Thomas Jafferries Drawn by Meserve Blanchard Green and March  
 N<sup>o</sup> 89 Jonathan Williams drawn by M<sup>r</sup> Moffat  
 N<sup>o</sup> 74 Benjamin Turner drawn by John Rindge  
 N<sup>o</sup> 83 John Mears drawn by John Wentworth jun<sup>r</sup>  
 N<sup>o</sup> 20 on Babusuck Ephraim Colburn drawn by George Jaffrey  
 N<sup>o</sup> 41 Silence Allen drawn by Mark Hunking Wentworth  
 N<sup>o</sup> 95 Benjamin Bates drawn by Thomas Packer  
 N<sup>o</sup> 69 Jonathan Prout drawn by Jotham Odiorne  
 N<sup>o</sup> 1 Jacob Griggs drawn by William Parker  
 N<sup>o</sup> 79 Caleb Steadman drawn by Mary Moor and Daniel Peirce  
 N<sup>o</sup> 1 on Piscataquog Governor Belchard drawn by Math<sup>w</sup> Livermore  
 N<sup>o</sup> 65 Samuel Gurnet drawn by Joshua Peirce  
 N<sup>o</sup> 75 Samuel Fisk drawn by Solly and March  
 N<sup>o</sup> 17 on Babusuck John Cuttler drawn by Thomas Wallingford  
 N<sup>o</sup> 31 John Wilson drawn by Richard Wibird  
 N<sup>o</sup> 35 Alford Buttler drawn by Thomlinson and Mason

Copy of the original Proprietors names as they stand Recorded to the several home lotts above Numbered

Ⓜ Math<sup>w</sup> Patten Prop<sup>r</sup>s Clerk

[*John Goffe to Proprietors, 1752.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 69.]

Derryfield March 16<sup>th</sup> 1752

Sir

I under Stand that Li<sup>t</sup> Moses Barron Has Bought the wrights that Cap<sup>t</sup> Wibird and my Lord Mason Drew in Bedford of the original Proprietors not withstanding he pretended to be Cap<sup>t</sup> Wibirds himself once but It being to be bough Eseliar or Cheeper of the other he has bought of him and threethens to try it out upon which I Got a Surveyer to Run the Lines of them and Set the 2 first Letters of there names upon Each corner of there Lotts and I have pulled Doun the



fence upon Cap<sup>t</sup> wibirds Lot and he took 2 men and Required to put it up again or he would prosecute Me But I Refused to do it now I would be Glad if you would Let Cap<sup>t</sup> wibird know how it Stands and weather I shall be Justified in pulling it down or weather it is best to put up again And Send me a line by the barer Esq<sup>r</sup> Boyes and Barron is also Boxing trees upon My Lords Lot and weather I Shall Give him any Interruption in that and how which is all in Hast from your Humble

Sarvant at Command      John Goffe

I would not Give a groat for all your lots in bedford if this fellow Goes on at So high a hand

My Service to all Frings as before

John Goffe

[*Petition of Margaret White.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 70.]

To Theodore Atkinson and Joseph Blanchard Esq<sup>rs</sup> and others—  
Margarett White of Boston in the County of Suffolk Spinster only  
Child of John White late of the same Boston Cordwainer deceased—  
Most humble sheweth

That your pet<sup>r</sup> said Father in the Year 1735 purchased of Samuel Kneeland a Lott of land Called Number Eighty three part of the Township called and known by the name of Souheagan East Number five Granted by the Great and General Court of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay to the Narragansett Souldiers with all the divisions and after divisions thereunto belonging which land your pet<sup>r</sup> is Informed is taken up by Your Honours And as your pet<sup>r</sup> is fully Satisfied of your Honours Justice and Equity—

She therefore humbly prays your honours out of your Usual Goodness to Grant her a Tract of land on the West Side of the Township Called New Boston under such Restrictions as your honours shall see Meet as our Equivalent for the Tract of land first Mentioned—

And your pet<sup>r</sup> as in duty bound will ever pray &c

margrat white

[*Vote of Proprietors in Regard to Bedford.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 71.]

Voted that the Rights of the Original Proprietors of Souhegan East otherwise called Narraganset N<sup>o</sup> 5 on Merrimack River be & hereby are Confirmed to them according as y<sup>e</sup> Lots have been already

Surveyed & Laid out (Excepting & Reserving only Seventeen Shares or Rights as according to Said Laying out the Particular Rights or Shares so Excepted & Reserved to be Determined & ascertain'd hereafter) But that the Particular Rights & Shares of Major Edward White & the Reverend Dr Eben<sup>r</sup> Miller be not among the Excepted & Reserved Rights as afores<sup>d</sup> But that their Said Rights & Shares among said Proprietors Survey'd as afores<sup>d</sup> be hereby granted & Confirmed to them their Heirs & Assigns

Voted that the above Said Major White & his Son John have their Names put in among the Settlers of a Town which shall hereafter be Granted & Laid out that shall Include that Land in Gorum Town So call'd lying a Cross the Crotch of Piscataquog River which the Said Major White purchased of Col<sup>o</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Dudley Deceased & that they have & hold to them their Heirs & Assigns that Same Land so purchased as their parts or shares in Said Township to be so Laid out the same being four hundred Acres to hold on the same terms of other Settlers

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### BOSCAWEN.

[Granted by Massachusetts as *Contoocook*, Dec. 8, 1732, to John Coffin and others, of Newbury, Mass. The grant was confirmed by the Masonian Proprietors Jan. 10, 1758. Incorporated as Boscawen April 22, 1760, and named in honor of Admiral Edward Boscawen of the British navy. The charter was renewed Oct. 7, 1763. Webster was set off and incorporated July 4, 1860. This division was attempted in 1791, when the inhabitants of the west part of the town asked to be set off and incorporated by the name of Bristol.

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 57; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 193; Index to Laws, 62; sketch, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 169; Descriptive and Historical Account, by John Farmer, 20, Mass. Historical Society Collections, 71; Indian Troubles, 2, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 75; Chronological Register, by Ebenezer Price, 1823, pp. 116; Centennial Celebration, 1876, pp. 27; History of Boscawen and Webster, by Charles Carleton Coffin, 1878, p. 656; One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of Settlement, 1883, pub. 1884, pp. 211; Memorial Addresses on Life and Character of William Pitt Fessenden, 1870; Memoirs of John Adams Dix, by Morgan Dix, 1883; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 348, 355.]

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[*Petition of Joseph Coffin, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 72.]

Province of } To the Honb<sup>l</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esqu<sup>r</sup> and  
New Hampshire } others Purchasers & Proprietors of Lands in New  
Hampshire being y<sup>e</sup> Late Right of Jn<sup>o</sup> Tufton Mason Esqu<sup>r</sup>—

I the Subscriber in behalfe of my Selfe & others, having purchased & improved Land in a place called Contocook in Said Province—perceiving Said Land is within your Right are desireous of takeing & holding our Improvements under you upon Such Conditions and Considerations as shall be reasonably proposed, and may be for your & our Advantage, for which this is offered, till a Petition may be preferred by and in behalfe of y<sup>e</sup> whole or greater part of y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants & claimers of Said Contocook So that in y<sup>e</sup> mean time no part of y<sup>e</sup> land in said Contocook may be disposed of by you, and by Six weeks from this date I hope to bring y<sup>e</sup> Petition abovesaid

Portsm<sup>e</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 21<sup>th</sup> 1748

Joseph Coffin

[*Vote of the Proprietors of Boscawen, 1748-9.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 72.]

At a Legall meeting of the Proprietors of Contocook held February y<sup>e</sup> 1: 1748—

Ebenezer Choate Esq<sup>r</sup> was Chosen mod<sup>r</sup> for s<sup>d</sup> meeting Cap<sup>t</sup> Moses Gerrish Joseph Coffin & Cap<sup>t</sup> Joseph Gerrish were Chosen authorized & impowered as a Com<sup>ee</sup> To Treat with the Gen<sup>l</sup>men: Proprietors of Esq<sup>r</sup> mason<sup>s</sup> Patent in the Province of Newhampshire to Transact any affair with the Said Proprietors which may in the Judgement of Said Committee be best for the Plantation afores<sup>d</sup>: A true Coppy taken from the Prop<sup>rs</sup> Book Feb<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1748

Attest Joseph Coffin

Prop<sup>r</sup> Clerk—

[*Joseph Coffin to Proprietors, 1748-9.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 73.]

with Submission to Your Hono<sup>r</sup> I Shall here inform that agreable to the advice I had when at Portsmouth, which is not Long Since, I have Desired my Bretheren who heretofore have Called our Selves the Proprietors of a Plantation Called Contocook, (but these affairs now appear in another view:) to meet together and accordingly we have & Chese A Com<sup>ee</sup> to waite upon Your Hono<sup>r</sup> & your Company who are Proprietors of Esq<sup>r</sup> mason<sup>s</sup> title: and would Humbly pray Your Hon<sup>r</sup> to Lett us know when we shall Come over So that we Shall be the Least trouble to Your business Either Publick or private S<sup>r</sup> in behalf of myself and other, I Subscribe your Hon<sup>r</sup> most obliged Hum<sup>le</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Newbury February y<sup>e</sup> 6-1748

Joseph Coffin

[*Joseph Coffin to Proprietors, 1748-9.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 73.]

S<sup>r</sup> perhaps you have had thoughts that I your unworthy Servant, am not a man of truth but by the time I told you, I or Some other Person Should appear at Portsmouth upon the affair then in hand : I had been at the trouble agreeable to your advice to gett my Bretheren together & we have Chosen a Committee to proced : and Should have been Before you Gen<sup>l</sup>men the Proprietors of Esq<sup>r</sup> mason<sup>s</sup> title Before this time, but hearing Co<sup>l</sup> Atkison & Some others were from home Last week we have Defered the affair untill now : and are Ready to waite upon you when you Shall think most Convenient, here is one of our Bretheren from Contoocook Coming over with me if your business will allow of it next week S<sup>r</sup> be pleased to over Look my fallings—

S<sup>r</sup> Your Most Hum<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>—  
Newbury Feb<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1748

Joseph Coffin

[*Original Grantees of Boscawen.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 74.]

a List of the original Grantees of the Plantation Called Contoocook

Abrahams Adams Jn <sup>r</sup>	Stephen Jaques	Joseph Coffin
Robert Greenough	Joseph morss Ju <sup>r</sup>	Benjamin Lunt
John akers	Daniel Richards	Daniel Dole
John Chandler Esq <sup>r</sup>	Joseph Toppan	William Ilsley
John Adams	John Alden	Joseph Knight Ju <sup>r</sup>
James mitchell	Stephen moody	Benjamin Pettingell
Richard Jackman	Richard Greenough	Cornelius Wood
Joseph morss 3 <sup>d</sup>	Henry Sewall	John Webster
Joseph Gerrish Esq <sup>r</sup>	Samuel Bayley	Benjamin Smith
Robert Adams	Richard Kelley	Samuel Gerrish
John French Ju <sup>r</sup>	Joseph Jackman	Nicholas Cheny
Joseph Willet	Jacob Noyes	John Poor
Stephen Dole	moses Smith	Cutting lunt
Jonathan Plumer	Thomas Peirce	Archelaus Woodman
John Smith	Isaac Hall	Edward Emery
Willabee Favour	Jacob Pillsbury	Stephen Emery
Amose Stickny	George Jackman	Jonathan Samson
Richard Pettingell Ju <sup>r</sup>	moses Gerrish	Joseph Dole
John Plumer Ju <sup>r</sup>	Eliezer Peirce	Daniel Peirce

Theodore Coker	Joseph Gerrish Ju'	Richard Coffin
James Allen	William Ripp	Abraham Titcomb
John Coffin	John Waite	William moody
John moody	moses Knight	Daniel Coffin
Daniel Knight	Moses Coker	Edmund Greenleaf 3 <sup>d</sup>
Daniel Hale	Henry Kingsbery	Nathan Wheeler
Joshua Pillsbery	Thomas Woodbridge	Joseph Noyes 3 <sup>d</sup>
James merrill	James Noyes	Thomas Webster
Joshua Hale	William Atkins	George Little
Jonathan Ilsley	Richard Hale	Samuel Sweet Ju'
Tristram little	John Noyes 3 <sup>d</sup>	John weed
Samuel Little	the first Minister	ministry—
Schoul Right & a mill	Right	
	the nine Farms	
Richard Kent Esq <sup>r</sup>	John Choate Esq <sup>r</sup>	Ebenezer Burriell
Richard Hubbard	Jeremiah Gatchell	John Wainwright Esq <sup>r</sup>
Benjamin Bird	Edward Shove	Samuel Bradford

S<sup>r</sup> my two  $\frac{1}{2}$  Rights which Yo<sup>u</sup> find were Blanks when I was with you: are the  $\frac{1}{2}$  of willobee favers &  $\frac{1}{2}$  John akers be pleas'd to Enter them in Your Record S<sup>r</sup> your most Hum<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Joseph Coffin

the fore going list is a true Coppy taken from the original aprill  
y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1754 Exam<sup>d</sup> p<sup>r</sup> Joseph Coffin Prop<sup>r</sup> Clerk

[*Petition of Samuel Fowler, 1754.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 75.]

To Friend Theod<sup>r</sup> Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> & others Purchasers & Prop<sup>rs</sup> of  
Masons Right in y<sup>e</sup> Prov<sup>e</sup> of New Hampshier in New England The  
Petition of Samuel Fowler of Newbury in y<sup>e</sup> County of Essex in y<sup>e</sup>  
Province of y<sup>e</sup> Massachusets Bay in New England Shipwright Shews  
that Your Petitioner Purchased one Right or share & an half in that  
Plantation called Contoocook as may appear by Deeds in y<sup>e</sup> Record-  
ers office Supposing when he made y<sup>e</sup> said Purchases that y<sup>e</sup> Right  
under y<sup>e</sup> mass<sup>ts</sup> (& under which he has held & improved) was good  
but being lately convinced of his Mistake & that y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Right was &  
still is in you y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Purchasers desires a Composition with you on  
Such Terms as shall be tho't reasonable & Just & that you would  
Confirm his said one Right or Share & a half with his Improvements  
unto him as afores<sup>d</sup> & Your Compliance will much oblige y<sup>r</sup> Sincere  
Freind—

Portsmouth May y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1754

Samuel fowler

[*Petition of Sarah, Widow of Phineas Stevens, 1756.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 75.]

the Coppys of the land the Revr<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Phineas Stevens own<sup>d</sup> in the Plantation Commonly Called Contocook three home lotts lying on queen Street Containing five acres each & one whole Share or Right trough the whole Plantation Laid to the first Settled minister half an Eighty acre lott originally laid out to John Noyes the 3<sup>d</sup> & half an Hundred acre lott originally laid to the Said John Noyes: & also the undivided land Belonging to one Share (viz) the undivided of the Said Noyes—

a true Cobby taken from the Prop<sup>rs</sup> Book—May y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1756

Joseph Coffin Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cle<sup>r</sup>

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Theod. Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> & y<sup>e</sup> Other Gent<sup>ln</sup> Proprietors of Masons Right—

Gent<sup>rs</sup> I should be Greatly Oblidged you would please to grant & confirm the within mentioned Lands to y<sup>e</sup> Heirs & Lawfull Representatives of my late Husband Phineas Stevens dec<sup>d</sup> within mention'd as it is of great Consequence to

Y<sup>r</sup> most hum<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

sarah stevens

[*Petition of Inhabitants of Boscawen, July 20, 1756.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 76.]

To The Hon<sup>l</sup> Theod<sup>r</sup> Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> and others Purchasers & Proprietors of Masons Patent in N Hamp<sup>r</sup>

The Humble Petition of the Inhabitants of the Plantation called Contocook in the Province of New-Hampshire, sheweth,

That whereas we your humble Petitioners understand that our Township, or Plantation aforesaid, falls within your Claim, by your Purchase of M<sup>r</sup> Tuftan Mason—& we are informed also that sundry of the non-resident Proprietors (or first Grantees of the foresaid Plantation) have been with your Honours, desiring to be confirmed in the Propriety of the said Plantation. And also to be freed from paying any thing toward the Support of the Gospel Ministry in said Plantation—We, your humble Petitioners therefore humbly & earnestly desire your Favour in this Particular, Of the non resident Proprietors assisting us about maintaining the Gospel Ministry among us till such time as we shall be able to support it our selves.

Your Honours know very well, That the Gospel, with the Ordinances & Privileges thereof (of which the Ministry is a Main, & necessary Branch, & one special part of the Gifts of our Ascended

Redeemer, is the greatest Glory & Privilege of the English Nation, & of this Land—That it is that which separates, & differences our Nation from other Nations—is that for which other Nations envy our Nation—And is that for which God has remarkably appeared for our Nation & Land, & delivered us from our Enemies who sought to deprive us of this invaluable Treasure. That the Gospel is what brings us the glad Tidings of Salvation—& tells us upon what Terms Salvation is to be had—And that therefore it is necessary that every one should enjoy the Gospel in order to knowing the way to eternal Salvation—

Also, your Hon<sup>rs</sup> are not unacquainted, how we, your humble Petitioners have been weakned, kept back from increasing, & been even impoverished greatly by the Wars & Troubles of that kind which have been since we begun to settle the foresaid Plantation; it being a Frontier Place, & peculiarly exposed to the Incursions of the Indians—So that we are unable to support the Gospel Ministry among our selves as yet, without the Assistance of the Non resident Proprietors.

We do not desire to keep your Honours out of your just Right: but are willing to concur with our Brethren the non resident Proprietors in taking a Confirmation of the said Plantation from your Honours upon just & reasonable Terms—And we your humble Petitioners hope, & humbly pray that your Honours will be as favourable to us, in respect of Terms as you can, in Consideration that we have lived upon the Land, & been exposed to many Difficulties by Reason of the War; & beginning upon, & subduing & manuring a New, & before uncultivated Land—

And We your humble Petitioners humbly pray that your Honours would take our Case into your wise Consideration, & favour us as much as you can in these two Particulars especially, In obliging the Non resident Proprietors to assist us in supporting the Gospel Ministry among us till we are able to do it our selves—And in confirming the Land to us the Inhabitants, upon as favourable Terms as you can without which we cannot see but we must live without the Gospel Ministry, & our selves & our Children live, & be brought up in Ignorance, more like Heathen than like Christians—

And if your Honours shall grant this our humble Petition, we your humble Petitioners for your Honours, as in duty bound shall ever pray.—

Stephen Gerrish  
Richard flood  
Moses Burbank  
Andrw Bowhun

Jacob flanders	Joseph Easman
Nathaniel Danford	John Webster
Ezekiel flanders	william danford
Nathaniel Danford Juner	William Coser





Jesse flanders	John Johnson	Timothy Easman
Moses Call	Joel manuel	George Jackman Juner
Edward fiss Jarrel	Phillep Call	John fowler

[*Quitclaim to certain Lots in Boscawen, 1758.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Jan. 10, 1758.]

Whereas the sundry Persons hereafter named being all of Newbury in the County of Essex in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay have represented that they have Purchased and Deriv'd sundry Rights Tracts or Parcels of Land lying at a place called Contoocook in the province of New Hampshire their Title to which was derived from a Grant made by the Government of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, That Pursuant thereto they had been at Great Expencc in Improving part of the Lands so Purchased supposing their Titles to be good but were now Convinced they could derive no Legal Right by the Grant afores<sup>d</sup> thereupon praying the said Proprietors to Grant to them Respectively the Right of said Proprietors to their several Parcels of land Derived to them as aforesaid—

Which motion having been Considered & in Consideration of the Premises—

Voted That all the right Title Claim property and Demand of said Proprietors of in and unto the several Parcels of Land at Contoocook aforesaid hereafter herein Referr'd to, be and hereby is Granted to the Persons Respectively hereafter named viz' to John Moody that Tract of Land Laid out there to his own Original Right and that laid out to the Original Right of Joseph Dole Except one Eighty acre Lott with all the undivided Lands belonging To said Rights, To Benjamin Lunt the one half of the 19<sup>th</sup> Lott in the second Division so Called, the 4<sup>th</sup> Lott in the third Division in the second Range and the second Lot in the third division, in the second Range, and the second Lott in the upper farms, with the undivided Land belonging to his Right—To Joseph Willet his own original Right, To Nath<sup>l</sup> Atkinson all that Right which he Purchased of Benjamin Greenleaff by his Deed Dated the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 1751, To Joseph Atkinson all that Right which he Purchased of the said Greenleaff by deed bearing the same Date, To Jon<sup>s</sup> Plummer the original Right of Joseph Jackman, To Cutting Lunt his own original Right To John Coffin his own Original Right, and the Right of Cornelius Wood, To Richard Coffin his own original Right To Isaac Titcomb the Original Right of Abraham Titcomb and the Original Right of Archelaus Woodman, and half the Original Right of Richard Greenough, To

Daniel Richards his own original Right, To Daniel Noyes the third the Right of James Noyes, the Right Granted to the first settled Minister hereby is Granted To the Heirs of the late rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Stevens—To Joshua Noyes the Right of Nathan Wheeler, To Abraham Adams jun<sup>r</sup> his own Original Right, To have and to hold to the several and Respective persons aforesaid the Right and Demand of said Proprietors to the said Several and Respective Tracts & Parcels of land aforesaid and Referr'd, to their several and Respective Heirs and Assigns forever—also to William Moody his own Original Right and to Cutting Moody all that Right he Purchased of Benjamin Greenleaff by Deed dated the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 1750—in the same manner as aforesaid To John Thirlow the original Right of John Adams as aforesaid—

[*Quit Claim to Certain Lots in Boscawen, 1758.*]

[*Masonian Proprietors' Records, March 6, 1758.*]

Whereas the Sundry persons hereafter named being all of Newbury in the County of Essex in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay only Richard Long of Salisbury in said County have Petitioned said proprietors Representing that they have purchased and Deriv'd to themselves or are Concerned in Sundry Rights Tracts and parcells of Land lying at Contoocoke in the province of New Hampshire their title to which was derived from a Grant made by the Government of the Massachusetts Bay aforesaid, That pursuant to the said Grant they had been at Considerable Expence in Improving and Cultivating their respective Rights Supposing their Titles to be good but were now Convinced they could derive no Legal Title to said Lands by the Grant aforesaid & thereupon moved that in Consideration of the Labour and expence the said persons have been at & for promoting the said Settlement the said proprietors would Grant them the Right of said Proprietors to the respective Tracts and parcells of Land by them Claimed which motion having been Considered and it appearing to be likely to advance the said Settlement and in Consideration of the expence and Charge aforesaid therefore—

Voted That all the Right, Title, Interest, property & Demand of said proprietors (not heretofore granted to any others) of in and unto the Several Tracts and parcells of Land hereinaftermentioned or refer'd to, be and hereby is Granted to the persons respectively hereafter named viz<sup>t</sup> To Joseph Morse his Heirs and assigns that Right originally Granted and appropriated to him, to Daniel Coffin that right which was originally granted to him, to hold to him his Heirs and assigns, to John Smith That Right which was originally granted

to his Father to hold to him his heirs and assigns, to Parker Jaquish his heirs and assigns the half that Right which was originally Granted to Stephen Jaquish, to Daniel Richards a minor the Interval Lott originally draw'd by Jonathan Plummer being N<sup>o</sup> 40 to hold as aforesaid and also to the said minor the Lott in the Lower Interval so Called N<sup>o</sup> 61 drawn by Stephen Moody and the house Lott N<sup>o</sup> 75 drawn by said Moody to hold to the said minor his heirs and assigns, to Isaac Titcomb the 7<sup>th</sup> Lott in the upper Interval aforesaid N<sup>o</sup> 7 drawn by Joshua Pilsbery to hold to him his heirs and assigns, to Benjamin Greenleaff his heirs and assigns all that he now owns of the right originally John Chandler's being one hundred acres, to Edmund Morse his heirs and assigns all that original Right which was Daniel Hales, and to the Legal Representatives of Moses Coker all that original Right which was Granted to the said Moses to hold to them their heirs and assigns the said Richard Long being administrator of said Cokers estate and to Benjamin Gale of Haverhill in said County all that right which was originally Benjamin Smith's to hold to him his heirs and assigns, and to Thomas Webster of said Haverhill all that original Right which was Granted to him, and to Samuel Longfellow one original Right which was Joseph Noyes the third—

[*Petition of Jedediah Jewett, 1767.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 77.*]

To the honorable Theodore Atkinson and others Proprietors of Masons Patent,

The humble Petition of Jedidiah Jewett of Rowley in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay &c, Clericus sheweth,

That the s<sup>d</sup> Jedidiah An<sup>o</sup> Dom. 1738 purchased in the Plantation then called contoocook, and now Boscawen, one whole right or share of land (excepting the house Lott N. 55, and the Intervall Lott N. 43.) which is the original Right of Eleazer Pierce, And has paid all duties laid upon the purchased premisses from time to time, And the house Lott mentiond had an house on it and was under improvement at the time of the afores<sup>d</sup> purchase and many years afterwards, and even to this day for aught s<sup>d</sup> Petitioner knows. And s<sup>d</sup> Petitioner has one house and intervall Lott in s<sup>d</sup> Plantation cleared and improved for many years under him, belonging to the original right of John Poor. And That inasmuch as your s<sup>d</sup> Petitioner, since his Purchase, understands that you have a right to the afores<sup>d</sup> purchased premisses, he prays that you would make a Grant of them to him on

such a consideration as you in your wisdom and goodness shall think fit, and that the terms may be as favorable to him as may be, he having in the year 1738, given for s<sup>d</sup> share 34. pounds of the then Massachusetts Money and paid the taxes since laid thereon

I am Gentlemen your much obliged and very humble Servant

Jedidiah Jewett

Portsmouth June 17. 1767

Nov<sup>r</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1770 Jed: Jewett p<sup>d</sup> 8 dollars for y<sup>e</sup> grant of land of his Petition

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[*John Corser to Proprietors, 1779.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 78.*]

Boscawen Dec<sup>r</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1779

Sir/ The Bearer waits on You with my kind Respects, hereby Requesting your favour to send me word by the same hand how I am to Proceed and in What manner the Proprietors are Agreed about a Tract of land, my son William Corsser, is now settled on, in the Gore, I am Very free & Willing to make any Suitable paym<sup>t</sup> in Cash or produce, if they be pleas'd to send me word, Your kind favour in Assisting, me as I am not Able to Wait on You Will be Gratefully Acknowled by Your Most Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

John Corser Sen<sup>r</sup>

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BOW.

[Granted by Lieut.-Gov. John Wentworth, May 10, 1727, to Jonathan Wiggin and others, and was so named on account of a bend in the river within the town limits. A portion of Bow was combined with Suncook and Buckstreet to make the parish of Pembroke, Nov. 1, 1759. Two tracts of land were severed from Bow, and annexed, one to Concord, and the other to Pembroke, Dec. 13, 1804. A portion was severed and annexed to Allentown June 22, 1815.

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volume; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 62; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 209; Index to Laws, 64; sketch, by Harrison Colby, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 263; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 12, 16; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 357.]

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[*Return of Survey of Bow, 1728-9.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 79.*]

This is the Return of the laying out of the Town of Bow—

Forasmuch as that we the Subscribers was Chosen at a legal Town meeting for the town of Bow, held at Stratham January the 28<sup>th</sup>



1728/9 and forasmuch as that the Charter for Bow, saith it shall Join on Chichester, and Canterbury and lay nine miles square or Carry that breadth of nine miles Southwest from each of the aforesaid Towns, until the full Compliment of eighty one square miles be made up, and we was also directed to leave four miles at the head of Nottingham for a Town Granted to new Castle and Greenland therefore we make our return as followeth that is to say on the fourteenth day of February in the year one Thousand Seven hundred and twenty eight, nine, we began at Chichester four mile tree which is the middle of said Town on the southwest side four miles above the head of Nottingham, & from said Tree we run four miles northwest by Chichester to the head of said Town to a white oak tree that had Several Letters set on it which tree is the Southwest corner of Chichester, and from thence we measured one mile northeast where we marked a Pitch Pine Tree on four sides and sett on the Letters A W : W M : E F and marked several trees thereby which tree is the northeast Corner of Bow, standing northwest a few rods from a small spruce swamp and a little river and from said tree we measured five miles northwest Where we marked a black oak Tree on four sides and several trees thereby and Sett on the letters A W : W M : E F which tree is the north west corner of Bow standing near the Northwest end of a Pleasant hill and from said tree we measured nine miles southwest where we marked a Hemlock tree on four sides and several trees thereby and set on the letters A W : W M : E F : which tree is the southwest Corner of Bow, and it stands by a Big Rock and Southwest about Sixty rods from Bever damn and meadow and seven miles & three Quarters from the Great River of Pennycook as we measured, and from thence we measured five miles Southeast where we marked a Chesnut Tree on four sides & Sot on the letters A. W : W M : E F which tree is a Corner tree where we sot off one mile to keep the Distance of nine miles from Chichester and it stands on the norwest side of a long Rise Prity high good Corn land and from said Tree we measured one mile Southwest where we marked a twin black burch, on four sides and several Trees thereby & set on the letters A W : W M. E F which tree is the south West Corner of Bow, on that part where we set off one mile to keep the Distance of nine Miles from Chichester as is aforesaid and it stands on high land and from said Tree we measured four miles southeast where we marked a White oak Tree on four sides and set on the letters A W : W M : E F : which tree is the South East Corner of Bow, and it stands on a white oak Plain and from said Tree we measured one mile and Quarter northeast to the great river of Pennycook and so the same Course Of

Northeast seven miles and three Quarters to Chichester, four mile tree first mentioned, this Given under our hand at Strathem February the Twenty fifth one thousand seven hundred & twenty eight nine—1728/9—

Andrew Wiggin— }  
 William Moore— } Com<sup>tee</sup>  
 Edward Fifield— }

The aforesaid is a true Copy from the records of Bow the 30<sup>th</sup> day of may 1753—

Copy Examined

attest Moses Leavit Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cle<sup>r</sup>  
 Geo: Jaffrey Cl

[*Deposition of Andrew Wiggin, 1756.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 79.]

Coll<sup>o</sup> And<sup>r</sup> Wiggin Dep<sup>o</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 16, 1756—

The Deposition of Col<sup>t</sup> Andrew Wiggin aged about eighty five years testifies & says that he together with Cap<sup>t</sup> Edward Fifield & Cap<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Moore Dec<sup>d</sup> were Chosen by the proprietors of the Town of Bow in the year of our Lord 1728 to lay out said Town of Bow, accordingly in s<sup>d</sup> year we proceeded on said Business and begun at Chichester four mile tree so Called leaving four miles between the head of Nottingham and said tree for a Township granted to new Castle and Greenland which township the Deponant understands is Called by the name of Epsom, and from said four Mile Tree we run four miles Bounding on the South west side of said Chichester till we Came to the head thereof and then measured one mile north east & made a Bound, & from thence we run five miles northwest, bounding on the South West side of Canterbury and made bounds and from thence we run nine miles Southwest and made bounds, and from thence we run five miles South East and to keep our Distance of nine miles from Chichester we measured one mile Southwest and made bounds, and from thence we run four miles Southeast and so made our return to the four mile tree first mentioned The Deponant further says that whereas he together with the said Fifield & Moor in their return of the laying out of said Bow, Say that they began at Chichester four mile tree which is the middle of said Town on the South west side, four miles above the head of notingham &<sup>ca</sup> That since he by Information is become better acquainted with the situation of the s<sup>d</sup> Towns of Chichester & Epsome, and the other Towns in that neighbourhood, That, That which they in the above recited

return Call the four mile Tree on the South west side of Chichester is the four mile tree on the southerly or Southeasterly Corner of said Chichester at the head of said Epsome—

[*Settlement of Bow Line, 1758.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 79.*]

Whereas the Proprietors of Bow in the Province of New Hampshire at a Legal Meeting held at Stretham in Said Province on the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of May Anno Domini 1755 made Choice of & fully Authorized Theophilus Smith Esq<sup>r</sup> Daniel Marston & Samuel Lane or any two of them to Settle the Boundary Line between the Said Township of Bow & the Lands belonging to the Proprietors of the Lands Purchased of Johu Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> lying in the Province of New Hampshire And the Said Proprietors at a Legal Meeting held at Portsmouth in Said Province the 22<sup>d</sup> Day of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1757 made Choice of & fully Authorized Nath<sup>l</sup> Meserve George Jaffrey Esq<sup>rs</sup> & John Rindge and any two of them to Settle Said Boundary Line for Said Propriet<sup>rs</sup> and Such as hold under them The Said Theophilus Smith & Samuel Lane (the Said Daniel Marston being Deceasd) and the Said Nathanael Meserve & George Jaffrey for and in behalf Said Respective Proprietors and those who hold under them Have Several times met Produced & duly Considerd the Claims & Demands of Each Party And have finally Mutually Concluded & Agreed That the Dividing Line Between the Said Township of Bow on the Southeasterly Side thereof and the Lands of said Proprietors of Masons Right & those who hold as aforesaid Shall be as Follows viz Beginning on the Line of the Township of Epsom at the North Easterly Corner of the Lot laid out in the Right of Said Proprietors at a Place called Buck Street Numberd twelve from thence Shall Run at the head of the Lots laid out as aforesaid at Said Buck Street on a South West & by South Course until it Intersects the head Line of the Lot Numberd five and from thence on a South West Course until it Comes to the Southerly Corner of said Township of Bow—In Witness whereof the Persons Authorized as aforesaid have hereunto Interchangeably Set their hands the twenty first Day of January 1758—

Witnesses  
William Parker  
David Sewall

Theophilus Smith  
Samuel Lane  
Nath Meserve  
Geo: Jaffrey



[*Francis Carr to Proprietors, 1759.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 79.*]

Bow March y<sup>e</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> 1759

S<sup>r</sup> I would be Down to you before now to pay you Some Money but the man that I was to have A part of the money off is Inlisted and I Cant Recover the Money of him But I Expect to See You very Soon. therefore I beg your patience A Little for Intend to pay you Intrest whilot paid Being all at Present from

Francis Carr

S<sup>r</sup> your Humb<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

[*Bow Committee to Perambulate Town Lines, 1759.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 79.*]

Province of } Att a Legall Meeting of the Proprietors of the  
New Hamp<sup>r</sup> } Township of Bow Held at Stratham on Tuesday  
the Sixth Day of February 1759.

Voted That Walter Bryent Esq<sup>r</sup> Samuel Lane & Capt Israel Gilman be a Committee (they or either two of them) to Perambulate the Lines of Bow, with the Proprietors of the Land Adjoyning on the Northwest and Southwest Sides of Bow; Untill it comes to the South Corner of Said Bow, to the Line Setled with the Purchasers of Masons Claims (so call'd) And that Said Committee Notifie the Proprietors of the Land Adjoyning on Said Bow as aforesaid, to Joyn with them therein if they See Cause. the Same to be Completed and make Report thereof to the Proprietors of Said Bow, as Soon as may be

a true Copy from Said Prop<sup>rs</sup> Records

Attest Sam<sup>l</sup> Lane Prop<sup>r</sup> Clk

[*Boundaries of Bow, 1759.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 80.*]

Whereas the Proprietors of Bow in the Province of New Hampshire at a Legal Meeting held at Stratham in Said Province on the Sixth Day of February Anno Domini 1759, made Choice of and fully Authorized Walter Bryent Esq<sup>r</sup> Samuel Lane & Cap<sup>t</sup> Israel Gilman (they or Either two of them) to Perambulate the Lines of Bow with the Proprietors of the Land adjoyning on the Northwest and Southwest Sides of Said Bow &c And the Proprietors of the

Lands Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> Lying in the Province of New Hampshire at a Legal Meeting held at Portsmouth in Said Province the 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of November 1757 Made Choice of and fully Authorized Nath<sup>l</sup> Meserve George Jaffrey Esq<sup>rs</sup> and John Rindge and any two of them to Settle the Said Boundary Lines for Said Proprietors and Such as hold under them. The Said Walter Bryent & Samuel Lane and the Said George Jaffrey and John Rindge for and in behalf of the Said Respective Proprietors and those who hold Under them have Several times Met Produced and Duly Considered the Claims and Demands of Each Party and have finally Mutually Concluded and Agreed that the Said Norwesterly Side Line of Said Bow Shall begin on the Southwesterly Side Line of Canterbury at a Small Black oak Tree Spotted on four Sides and Markd with the Letters A W. W M. E F. and Several other Trees are Spotted thereby which Tree Stands on the Norwesterly Side of a Pleasant Hill and is Mentioned in the Return of the Laying out of Said Bow Dated Febr 25<sup>th</sup> 1728/9. and also in the Return of the Perambulation of the Lines of Said Bow, which was Perambulated in the Month of December 1748. Said Tree Stands in Canterbury Line about four or five Rods Southeasterly from Hackets Brook so Called which Black oak Tree Shall be the Notherly Corner of Bow aforesaid as was Mention'd at a Meeting of Said Masons Proprietors on the first Instant and Directed by them to be So Settled by their Committee—and from Said Black oak Tree the Said Norwesterly Side Line of Bow Shall run the Course Mentioned in the Charter of Said Bow.—

In Witness whereof the Persons authorized as aforesaid have hereunto Interchangeably Set their hands the fourteenth Day of February 1759.

Witnesses  
James Stoodly Ju<sup>r</sup> }  
Hubartus Neal }

Com'ittees { Walter Bryent  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Lane  
Geo: Jaffrey  
Jn<sup>o</sup> Rindge

[*Bounds of Bow.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 81.]

Bow Bounds—

Begining on the South East Side of the Town of Chester & Runing nine miles by Chester & Canterbury & Carrying that breadth of nine miles from Each of the afores<sup>d</sup> Towns South West until the full Compliment of Eighty one Square Miles Are fully made up.

## BRADFORD.

[This town was probably *Number 2* in the line of towns from Merrimack to Connecticut River, granted by Massachusetts Jan. 16, 1735-6. Afterwards granted by the Masonian Proprietors. It was named *New Bradford* by settlers from Bradford, Mass. Incorporated as Bradford Sept. 27, 1787, and included New Bradford, Washington Gore, and a part of Washington. A tract of land was severed from Newbury and annexed to Bradford Dec. 6, 1796, and another, June 22, 1859.

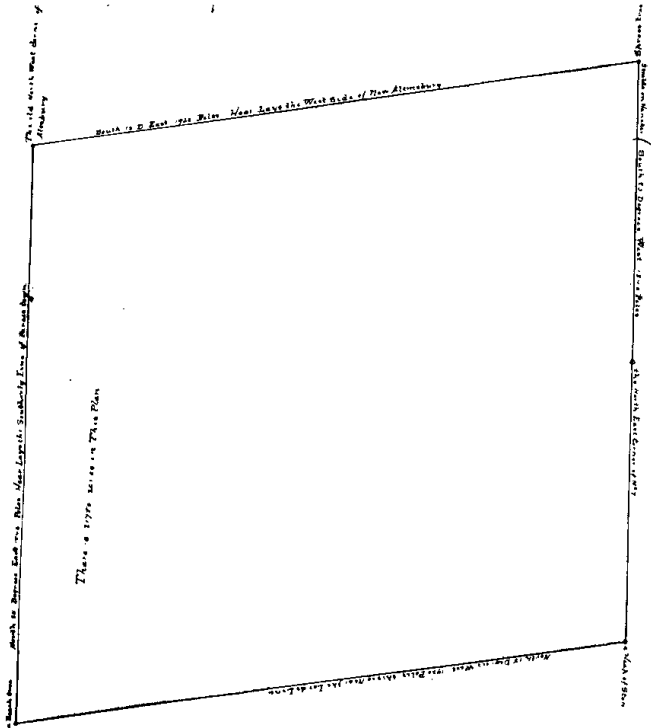
See Massachusetts charters preceding; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 219; Index to Laws, 65; sketch, by John M. Hawks, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 185; Centennial Celebration, 1887, pp. 110; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 252; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 18; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 357.]

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[*Plan of Bradford, 1768.*]

This is a Plan of a Tract of Land Laying one the Westerly Side of Newalemsbury and Northerly of Haneker and N<sup>o</sup> 7: Containing : 21780: acres Laid Down by a Scale of : 160: Poles to one Inch: Timothy Clement and Cornelus Bean Cheen men: Jeremiah Page Su<sup>r</sup>

Dated December y<sup>o</sup> 6: 1768—



[*Petition of Thornton and Holland, 1769.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 82.*]

To the Purchasers of John Tufton Mason, Esq's, Patent Lying  
in the Province of New Hampshire

Mathew Thornton & Stephen Holland Humbly Shew.

That we have been at Considerable Expence & trouble to ascertain  
the situation, Quantity, Quallity, & Bounds of the tract of Land

your Honours for the Favour—And your Petitioner being the first that has done any work towards a Settlement in the said Township, hopes to have as good Encouragement about it as any; and to have Land granted to him where he has begun to labour, and adjoining thereto—Namely, One hundred Acres on the southerly Branch of Almsbury River (so called) so as to extend fifty rods on each side of said Branch, against where his House stands—And from the Mouth of said Branch, up the said Branch till the hundred Acres are completed.

If your Honours will be pleased to grant to your Petitioner, as aforesaid, Your Petitioner intends to have his Family on the said Land this Summer—And your humble Petitioner for your Hon<sup>rs</sup> as in Duty bound shall ever pray.

William Presbury

Dated at Henniker, June 10<sup>th</sup> 1771.

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[*John Stinson Asks for a Grant, 1771.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 84.]

John Stinson of Dunbarton and Associates pray to know of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of Mason's Claim whether they will Sell him & Associates a Certain Tract of Land heretofore granted by the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay to Sundry Persons, by the Name of Bradfordton—Likewise the purchase Sum and the Conditions of holding the Same—

June 26<sup>th</sup> 1771

⚡ Attorney J Pickering

To the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of Mason's Claim

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[*Petition of Sanborn, Cressey, and Bayley, Received Sept. 27, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 85.]

To the Proprietors of Masons Pattennt we understand that your Hon<sup>s</sup> have laid out a Certain Number of Lotts of Land to Dispose of for Settlement in a place called Newbradford, And we y<sup>e</sup> Subscribers your Humble petitioners do humbly Request each of us a Lott of Land in s<sup>d</sup> Newbradford as we have been on the Land And have choice of, each of us, a lott And have done some Labour on s<sup>d</sup> Land we your Petitioners have taken much pains to procure a title to s<sup>d</sup> Land we have sent by M<sup>r</sup> William Presbury Sundry tim's And the return which he made to us was that the Proprietors had not agreed on what terms to Dispose of s<sup>d</sup> Land, But we have Lately

been informed that the proprietors have agreed to give away a Number of s<sup>d</sup> Lotts for Settlement, And we your Petitioners take this opportunity to make Application for a title to s<sup>d</sup> Land, And the Lotts which we have made choice of is N<sup>o</sup> 20 N<sup>o</sup> 21 N<sup>o</sup> 22

We your Petitioners begg your Hon <sup>rs</sup> } would see fitt to grant this our Hum- } ble Request—	Moses Sanborn Daniel Cresey Moses Bayley
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[*John Putney's Bond for Settlement in Bradford, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 86.]

KNOW ALL MEN by these Presents That I John Putney of Hopkinton in the County of Hillsborough & Province of New Hampshire Gentleman am held & firmly bound unto George Jaffrey of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham & Province aforesaid Esq<sup>r</sup> as Clerk of the Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> situate in the Province of New Hampshire in the Just Sum of three hundred pounds lawful money of said Province to be paid unto the said George Jaffrey as Clerk aforesaid to his Successor or Successors in said Office for the Use of said Proprietors to the which payment well & truly to be made I bind myself my heirs Executors & Administrators firmly by these Presents Sealed with my Seal Dated the fifth Day of November in the fourteenth Year of his Majestys Reign Annoque Domini 1773—

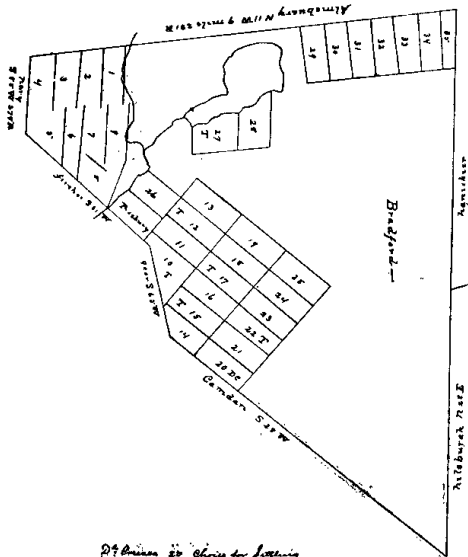
THE CONDITION of the above Obligation is such that whereas the said Proprietors have agreed to grant unto the said John Putney & others a certain tract of Land in Bradford town in the County of Hillsborough aforesaid upon certain terms & Conditions of Settlement And whereas the said John Putney hath agreed with said Proprietors for himself & other Grantees in said Bradford town that Jonathan Putney Daniel Stickney Daniel Young Samuel Putney Joseph Stanley William Clements Benjamin Stanley William Stanley Ebenezer Colby or either of them shall upon the following Lots in said Bradfordtown viz<sup>t</sup> Lot N<sup>o</sup> 29. N<sup>o</sup> 22. N<sup>o</sup> 17. N<sup>o</sup> 24. N<sup>o</sup> 6. N<sup>o</sup> 19. N<sup>o</sup> 31. N<sup>o</sup> 20. & N<sup>o</sup> 11. clear or cause to be cleared three acres of Land fit for Tillage or Mowing build an house on each of said Lots & put a family therein which shall constantly reside there—within one Year from the Date hereof—That said Grantees shall clear or cause to be clear'd four Acres more of Land on each of said Lots within two Years—And four Acres more within three Years from the Date hereof fit for Tillage or Mowing—And that the Person who shall settle on Lot N<sup>o</sup> 11. shall build a Gristmill & Saw Mill thereon

or shall cause the said Mills to be there built within eighteen Months from the Date hereof Now if the said John Putney his heirs Executors or Administrators or any other Person for him or them shall well and truly perform or Cause to be performed the Several articles aforesaid on his part in Time & manner aforesaid to be performed & done Then the above Obligation shall be null & void otherwise shall remain in full force & Virtue—

Signed Sealed & delivered  
 In presence of—  
 Lucy Dudley Wainwright  
 Timothy Ham

John Putney [Seal]

[Plan of Bradford.]



29 Acres 20 Chines for Lopping  
 20 Acres 22 " "  
 do 18 " "  
 do 17 " "  
 do 18 " "  
 do 12 " "  
 20<sup>th</sup> June 7<sup>th</sup> 1793

[*Condition of Settlements in Bradford, 1778.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 87.]

Bradfordtown march the 23=1778

sir I am in formd that you are desiareous to know how the settelers goes on and mils by m<sup>r</sup> Isaac davice of Hopkinton I would in form you that Daniel stickney has Cut down three or 4 akers on the 22 Lot and that is all he has done of his duty and offers to sell it samuel Putny may have done half of his dutty as near as I can judg on the 24 lot and sold it and gon of Cap<sup>t</sup> Putny Cut down 3 or 4 akers and sold it lot 29 and at present their is nobody on thes 3 lots and as for the mill lot Ebenezer Colbe resides their and has done the duty of that lot asept the mills he has logd up the body of the saw mill and put on a rof and done something towards the dam now going on fouer years ago and says he dont intend to do no more to it the rest of the settelers are on some have got their duty don and some have not yet we the settelers suffers Very much for want of the mills pray sirs help us as sone as you Can and if you disspose of any more of this land for setteling I will find the settelers if you plesse and if you want to know any thing more pertickler lett me know by a line or two and I am to serve you honors

William Presbury

sirs I would in form you that mr John Brown has moved with his famely on the 8 lot with the advice of some folks not intending to hold by force he intended to have ben one of the first settelers had not Cap<sup>t</sup> Putny put him out in his dissine I menchend him to your honors but you did not see fit and now he is in hops that by their delay you will be Pleased to make him a setteler or sell him the land he has got a snug house and Cut down 5 or 6 akers of trees

Isaac Davis of Hopkinton Desires that he may have a Lot of Land in Bradford, Also Moses Sanburne Wants Lot N<sup>o</sup> 21, Francis Whitcher Desires Lot N<sup>o</sup> 27—

[*Agreements for Lots in Bradford, 1778.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 87.]

State of New } Portsmouth June 18<sup>th</sup> 1778 This Day agreed with  
Hamps<sup>r</sup> } Francis Whittier of Hopking Town in the State  
afforsaid to Settle a Lot of Land in the Township of Bradford, N<sup>o</sup>  
27 on Condition of his Clearing upon said Lot of Land Three Acres  
fit for Mowing or Tillage and Build him a House suitable for a



Family to live in and moving thereunto, and Reside there with his Family within Twelve Months from the Date hereof then to have a Grant from the Proprietors, he engaging to Compleat the Setling Duties, as agreed by the Other Setlers now Residing in said Bradford—

a Cobby—

Dani<sup>l</sup> Rogers—  
Will<sup>m</sup> Whipple—  
John Penhallow—

State of New } Portsmouth June 18<sup>th</sup> 1778 Rec<sup>d</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> William  
Hamps<sup>r</sup> } Stanley of Hopkintown in the State aforesaid  
Thirty Pounds Lawfull Money in full for One hundred Acres of Land in the Township of Bradford N<sup>o</sup> 21 for which Lot We the Subscribers engage to procure for the Said William Stanly a Grant of said Lot of Land Aforesaid, when the Proprietors of Masons Patten have a Meeting and then the said William Stanly to give his Obligation to Fullfill the Setling duties upon Said Lot—as was agreed with by the Other Setlers in the said Town of Bradford—the above Money Rec<sup>d</sup> for the Use of the Proprietors and paid George Jeffery Esq<sup>r</sup> as Clerk to said Proprietors—

a Cobby

Committee { Daniel Rogers—  
William Whipple—  
John Penhallow—

State of New } Portsmouth June 18<sup>th</sup> 1778 This day agreed with  
Hamps<sup>r</sup> } Isaack Davis of Hopkintown to Setle a Lot of Land in Bradford in the State Aforesaid N<sup>o</sup> 28 on Condition of his Clearing upon said Lot of Land Three Acres fitt for Mowing or Tillage and Build him a House Suitable for a Family to Live in and Moving thereunto and reside there with his Family within Twelve Months from the date hereof—then to have a Grant from the Proprietors he engaging to Compleat the Setling Duty's as Agreed by the other Setlers now Residing in said Bradford—

A Cobby

Committee { Dani<sup>l</sup> Rogers—  
Willi<sup>m</sup> Whipple—  
John Penhallow—

[*Abraham Kimball's Proposal*, 1778.]

[*Masonian Papers*, Vol. 5, p. 88.]

M<sup>r</sup> Abraham Kimball of Newtown in the State of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Offers to Finish and Compleat the Saw and Grist Mill at Bradford Town, and to Take his pay in Land, and If any Land to be Disposed off

Wou'd be Glad to have the Offer it—and If the Proprietors Incline to Agree with said Kimball about the Mills he desires he may have Letter sent him upon the Affair      Portsm<sup>o</sup> Octob<sup>r</sup> 1. 1778—

[*Request of William Stanley, 1780.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 88.]

Hopkinton January 1780

To the Committee of the pattentees of John Tuften masons Right these Shueth that whereas I Bought the Lot N<sup>o</sup> 21 In Bradford town of the said Committee and have Sold the Lot To Ebenezer Colby of Said Bradford town and as you Engaged To Grant Said Lot To me I Desire you would Grant Said Lot To the Said Ebenezer Colby and you will oblige your Frind—

W      Enoch Bailey  
Isaac Bailey

W<sup>m</sup> Stanly

[*Proprietors' Reservations in Bradford, 1781.*]

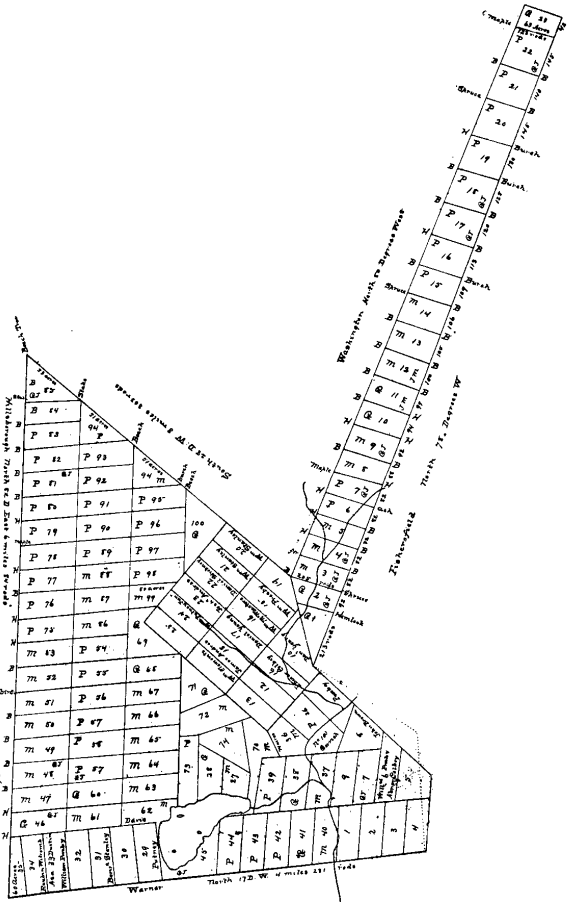
[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Dec. 24, 1781, and Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 89.]

The Draft of the Lots of 15 Purchasers Rights viz<sup>t</sup>

To John Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup> —	N <sup>o</sup> 68 - 1 - 86 - 75 - 80
To Richard Wibird Esq <sup>r</sup> —	32 - 65 - 67 - 83 - 93
To John Moffatt Esq <sup>r</sup> —	69 - 47 - 63 - 26 - 90
To George Jaffrey Esq <sup>r</sup> —	46 - 7 - 48 - 59 - 81
To Mark H <sup>s</sup> Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup> —	100 - 25 - 49 - 55 - 98
To Jotham Odiorne Esq <sup>r</sup> —	30 - 9 - 2 - 89 - 92
To Thomas Packer Esq <sup>r</sup> —	71 - 14 - 53 - 58 - 73
To Solly and March—	74 - 40 - 61 - 56 - 79
To Meserve and Comp <sup>a</sup> —	72 - 61 - 87 - 78 - 91
To Joshua Peirce Esq <sup>r</sup> —	27 - 4 - 12 - 42 - 77
To Peirce and Moore—	37 - 5 - 50 - 82 - 89
To Theodore Atkinson Esq <sup>r</sup> —	38 - 51 - 88 - 54 - 96
To Thomas Wallingford Esq <sup>r</sup> —	28 - 52 - 66 - 57 - 97
To John Rindge—	60 - 13 - 70 - 76 - 95
To Thomlinson and Mason—	41 - 3 - 64 - 43 - 84

It is here noted, that there are Sundry Lots in the Plan of Bradford Town or New Bradford, which are not drawn to the Rights of the above Said Purchasers, in this Division and Draft of Lots; but are joined with Lots in other Divisions and Drafts of Lots, to render the general Division more equal—and are drawn in the following manner—viz<sup>t</sup>—

[Plan of Bradford, 1781.]



This Plan is laid Down by a Scale of two Hundred rods to an Inch the Lots under Number 35 Contain 100 Acres Each the Lots above N 35 contain 105 acres each Except those which have the Number of Acres Set on the Lots & a Reserve for Highways through each Lot above N 35 if Wanted the Letters H, which is Set against the Bound is for Hezekiah Page & H: Gerrish

A Plan of Bradford Town and a Crore Lying Between Fishersfield & Washington Finished Surveying Nov<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1781 By Jeremiah Page Esq<sup>r</sup> & H: Gerrish

P<sup>r</sup> Henry Gerrish Surveyer

To George Jaffrey Esq<sup>r</sup> Lot N<sup>o</sup> 45 } are drawn in the Division of  
 To Peirce and Moore N<sup>o</sup> 44 } Cammell's Gore to make 15  
 equal Shares—

To George Jaffrey Esq<sup>r</sup>—N<sup>o</sup> 85 containing 53 acres } are drawn in  
 To Thomlinson & Mason—N<sup>o</sup> 99 containing 80 acres & } the Division  
 N<sup>o</sup> 94 containing 51 acres } of Lands in  
 To Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup>—N<sup>o</sup> 35 containing 60 acres } Alexandria,  
 Alexandria Ad- }  
 dition and 17<sup>th</sup> }  
 Share reserved }  
 in the Gore }  
 near Winipis- }  
 sioke Pond—

To George Jaffrey, John Moffatt } Lot N<sup>o</sup> 36 cont<sup>s</sup> 74 Acres & Lot  
 & Peirce and Moore— } N<sup>o</sup> 94 in 3<sup>d</sup> Range from Hills-  
 borough, cont<sup>s</sup> 51 Acres, to make up in part the Deficiency of  
 their Rights in Society land as  $\frac{2}{3}$  Vote of October 19<sup>th</sup> 1780—

[*Request for Grants in Bradford by Nathaniel Presbury, 1793.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 90.]

Bradford Aprill ye 2 1793

to the honorable Propriters of bradford sirs  
 as I am a setteler in said town & on the Lot N<sup>o</sup> 15 which William  
 Presbury gave his bond for Downing the settlers Duty & the Duty  
 being Done Long ago I Pray your Honors to send me a grant by the  
 baer here of W<sup>m</sup> Presbury these from your frind and humbel servent  
 Nathaniel Presbury

Bradford Aprill ye 2 1793

to the Honorable Propriters of Bradford sirs  
 Where as I have booght the werstly side of that Lot N<sup>o</sup> 22 that  
 Daniel stickney undertook to settel I should be glad if your honors  
 would be Plesd to send me a grant by the baer hear of this from  
 your homble servent

Nathaniel Presbury

[Request for Grant in Bradford by Joseph Presbury, 1793.]

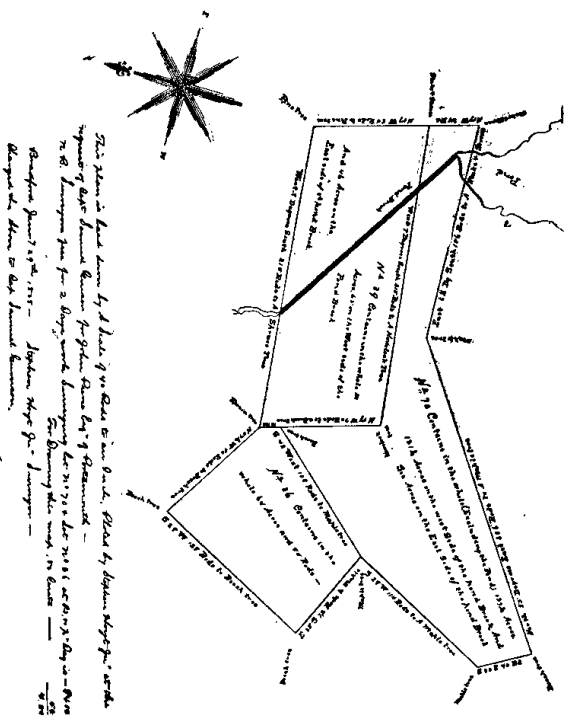
[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 90.]

Bradford September y<sup>e</sup> 27 1793

to the Henorebel Propriters of Bradford sirs  
 as I am a setteler in said town and on the Lot N<sup>o</sup> 17 which Daniel  
 yong onder took to settel I should be glad if your honours Would  
 be Plesed to send me a grant by the Baer Here of

Joseph Presbury

[Plan of Lots in Bradford, 1808.]





This plan is laid down by A Scale of 40 Rods to an Inch, Ploted by Stephen Hoyt Jun<sup>r</sup> at the request of Cap<sup>t</sup> Samuel Guison, for John Pierce Esq<sup>r</sup> of Portsmouth—

N. B. Surveyors fees for 2 Days work Surveying lot N<sup>o</sup> 70 & Lot N<sup>o</sup> 36 at \$2.00 p<sup>r</sup> Day is— \$4.00

For Drawing this map, 50 Cents— .50

\$4.50

Bradford Jan<sup>y</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1808— Stephen Hoyt Jun<sup>r</sup> Surveyor—  
Charged the Above to Cap Samuel Guison

[*John Putney's Lots in Bradford.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 90.]

Settling Lotts in Bradford

N<sup>o</sup> 17, 29, 19, 31, 6, 20, 22, 11, 24.

M<sup>r</sup> John Putney is to let the Proprietors know by y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> wendsday in Octo<sup>r</sup> if the weather permitts, whether he will settle the above lotts if they don't hear from him by the third wendsday they are at Liberty to grant s<sup>d</sup> lotts to any other Person

Names of Persons who gave Power of Attorney to Cap<sup>t</sup> Putney to agree for lands in Bradford & y<sup>e</sup> Lotts to each person —

N<sup>o</sup> 22 Daniel Stickney

W<sup>m</sup> Clements N<sup>o</sup> 19

Joseph Stanly

Daniel Young N<sup>o</sup> 17

N<sup>o</sup> 31 Benj<sup>a</sup> Stanly

Samuel Putney j<sup>r</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 24

N<sup>o</sup> 20 W<sup>m</sup> Stanly

abner Colby N<sup>o</sup> 6

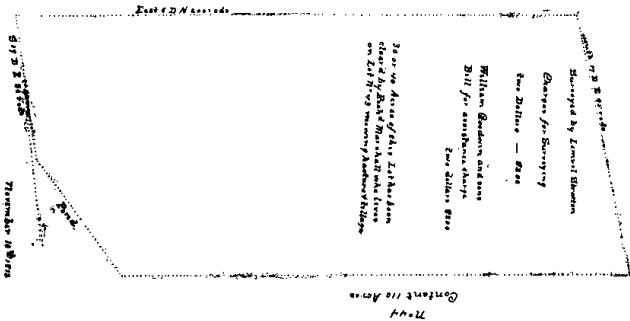
N<sup>o</sup> 11 Eben<sup>r</sup> Colby

Jon<sup>a</sup> Putney N<sup>o</sup> 29

& his father Jn<sup>o</sup> Putney

Nath<sup>l</sup> Presbury Lot N<sup>o</sup> 15 is Settled—

[*Plan of Lot in Bradford, 1812.*]

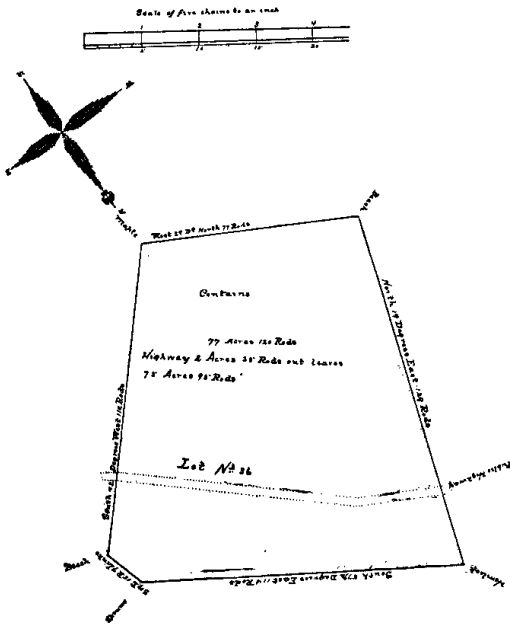


[*Lot 36 in Bradford, 1816.*]

Plan of lot N° 36 in Bradford Surveyed Jan<sup>y</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> 1816 at the request of Cap<sup>t</sup> Samuel Gunison of Fishersfield for M. H. Pierce of Portsmouth by George Presbury & Samuel Gunison as chainmen and Stephen Hoyt Jun<sup>r</sup> Sur<sup>vr</sup>

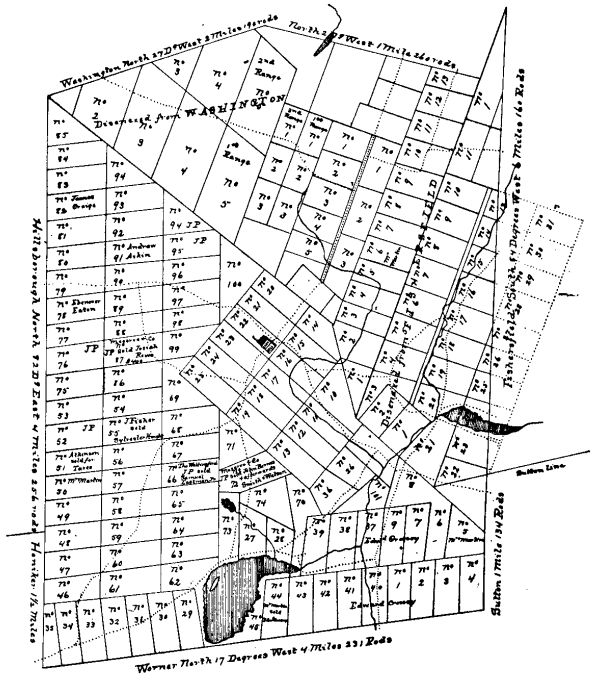
Surveyors fees for 2 Days work is \$4.00  
 Red, Payment by Sam<sup>l</sup> Gunison Esq<sup>r</sup>

14 Ap. 1816 This day wrote Cap Gunnison to offer this lot to Abner Carr for \$400—100 ann<sup>y</sup> & Int fm date first note to be signed by some good man Jonathan Mussey (?) wants it





MAP OF BRADFORD February 26th 1818.  
 The lots above 7000 contain 50 acres each. The lots under 7000 contain  
 100 acres each with a reserve for a highway through each lot if wanted.  
 A true copy of the original survey from my plan do  
 Taken Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1818 Surveyor General Page } Surveyor



[Plan of Bradford, 1818.]

[*Memoranda about Lots in Bradford, 1816.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 91.]

Lot N° 37. Peirce & Moore in Bradford sold by Joseph Peirce to Reubin Ray or Jon<sup>a</sup> Collins now owned by Edward Cresey

Oct 28, 1812 this day sold E Cresey half Thomlinson & Masons Lot N° 41 in Bradford for D<sup>rs</sup> 206.27

Cresey applies for Lot N° 44 Peirce & Moore, owned by M<sup>r</sup> Martin for a Man on it Who bot the Labour of others & has done a considerable work on it—William Goodwin informs that on this N° 44 30 or 40 Acres are clear'd by one Rich<sup>d</sup> Marshall who lives on N° 43—that the use of the Land is worth 30 D°  $\frac{3}{4}$  year

John Barnes is the man that bot a Lot on which is a Barn

N° 28 T. Wallingford sold Stratten to be paid for by Abraham Smith N° 55 M H W— for J Fisher sold to

24 Oc<sup>r</sup> 1816 Sold to John & Sam<sup>l</sup> Jackman N° 19 Goshen part of the Strip of land formerly between Washington & Fishersfield and on this 2<sup>d</sup> Nov 1816 s<sup>d</sup> Samuel comes and says he bought a lot he did not intend to he wished to buy N° 15 in the same strip & I have agreed to exchange with him I have given a minute account accordingly—N° 19 appears to be a good Lot all growth Standing Beech & that

28 Dec. 1816 exchanged Lots with John & Sam<sup>l</sup> Jackman giving them up their mortgage of N° 19 & they giving me a quit claim thereof—& I gave them a deed of N° 15 for \$500

[*Memoranda about Lots in Bradford, 1822.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 91.]

M<sup>r</sup> pircce sur sence I Came home two yonger men Came to me to git the Lot East of fifele or Eaton Land a very Rugh Lot in Deed Lok on the plan you ma cee the Number and will give two hundred Dolars pay fifty Doun on your giving a Deed pleas to send By mr starns Back whether they may have the Lot or Noe in hast your humb servent

Bradford

Edward W Cresey

Febry 6. 1822 Perkins Coolidge applies for Lot N° 76, Bradford supposed to be the lot mentioned within—Price \$300

Febry 6, 1822 Sam<sup>l</sup> Ellenwood of Hillsboro says Cresey has sold Clyde N° 52—J P he says he paid Cresey \$75 a year ago last March—that is March 1820.—that Clyde was to give \$250.—

Thinks the Same M<sup>c</sup>Adams talked of—

[*Report of Lemuel Stratton on Certain Lots in Bradford, 1830.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 92.]

Bradford March 12<sup>th</sup> 1830

Mr Peirce Sir I received a Line from you a few Days Sience you wishd Som Surveying Done I attended to it according to the best of my knowledg it was Some Difficult to know what was the orignal Survey in the South part of Bradford as the Lots on the plan of the town appear to be of Equal wedth yet they Differ from Eighty to one hundred & twenty the Corners at the North Ends of the three Lots were all Destroyed I have Surveyed Land in the South part of Bradford Frequently for thirty years past the Ninety four which Contains one hundred acres I Saw the North Corner then Standing plain & good in the year one thousand Eight hundred & fourteen & it Left the North End of 93 Verry Narrow I went to the Corner of 82 & run paralel with the East Line of the town & it brought the Corner Verry Near wher it was in 1814. I Run the other 94 off in the Same manner a Considerable part of the Land is rough & mountainous I had to Measur a Crost other Lots to ascertain them that were wanted I Spent three Days on the Land myself with Chane men it is well known that Land is Cheaper now than it was Some years ago & it will be Difficult for me to Say what it is worth but I will give you Som Description of the Land—Number ninety five Contains 130 Acres a high Rocky mountain on Each End of the Lot principally hard wood where there is any timber 250 rods from a road I Do not know of any person Now that would give two hundred Dollars for the Lot all the Land is Verry Rocky & Lies up high not fit for a Settlement the 94 which Contains 55 acres the north Corner is poor & Ledgy South west part is Low hemlock & Spruce timber the middle of the Lot is hard wood pritty good Land I Should think it might bring three Dollars per Acre it is more than one Mile to any road—the other 94 which Contains one hundred Acres Lies about one Mile from a Small Vilage in the Corner of Washington where there is a Saw mill & grist mill & a Small New Baptist Meeting hous but it is one Mile from any road there is a bog of about one hundred acrs between this Lot & the Vilage

the South west Corner is on the East Side of the grate bog the East Line is on a Ledgy mountain about half of the Distance there is a Verry handsome piece of hard wood Land in the middle of the Lot I Should think this Lot would be worth three Dollars per Acre there appears to have been three or four Ash trees carried of the winter past there has been 5 or 6 acres of trees fell on the South End Some years ago & not Cleared of Number 84 Lies partly on the bog the

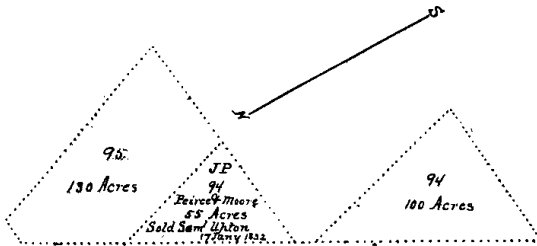
North End has been burnt over Some years ago South End is hemlock & Spruce timber a few Acers has been Cleared on the East Side poor Lot not fit for a Settlement I Did not Discover any Late trespass on this Lot the pine timber appeared to have been Cut of twenty years ago I Should think the Lot to bee worth 2.50 per Acre

Bill for Surveying	
Number 95	3.50
Number 94	3.50
Number 94	2.00

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\$9.00

Sir I am your &c  
Lemuel Stratton



Jan 17, 1831 Sam' Upton of Stoddard offers \$3.50 for N° 94 1 R from Hillsboro 50 Acres T & M.—

[Lot 94 in Bradford, 1835.]

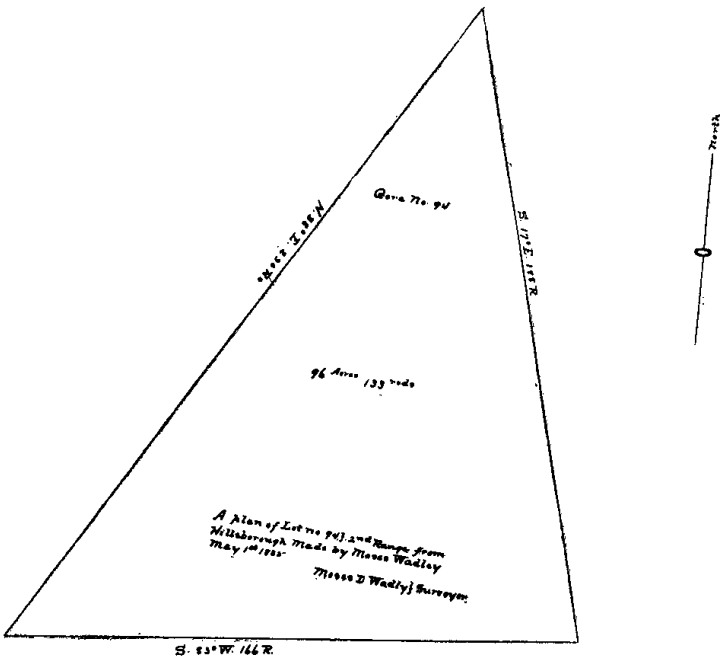
M<sup>r</sup> Peirc Sir I reciv'd yours of 23<sup>r</sup> April 1835 and have endeavor'd to attend to your request, according to the best information I Could obtain I Survey'd Lot N° 94 2<sup>nd</sup> Range from Hillsborough line and find from our Survey, that it measures ninety Six acres and 133 rods which I think must be very near the quantity of Land in contains by examing the quality Situation &C, we think it worth about three hundred and fifty dollars perhaps if they get a new road through that way it may be worth a Little more

I an Sir Resp<sup>t</sup> yours

Moses D Wadley } Surveyor

May 1<sup>st</sup> 1835

P. S. I have omitted Sending this Communication until now by the request of M<sup>r</sup> Peasley.



### BROOKFIELD.

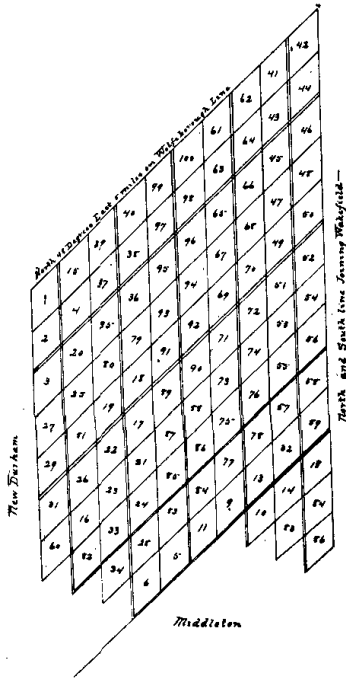
[Set off from Middleton and incorporated Dec. 30, 1794. These towns are a part of the territory included in the proposed grant of the township of Coulerain, 1726.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 127; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 594; Index to Laws, 70; sketch, by Dudley C. Coleman, Fergusson's History of Carroll County, 1889, p. 450; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 252; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 600; papers under title Coulerain.]

[Plan of Brookfield.]

A Plan of Brookfield—

The lots are One hundred and seventy six rods north and south, and one hundred fifty six Rods North East and south west—The roads running North and South are four rods wide, and those running north East, and south west are two rods wide—



## CANTERBURY.

[Granted May 20, 1727, to Richard Waldron and others, and then included the territory of Loudon and Northfield. Full town privileges were granted March 19, 1741. Named from an English town. An addition was made on the southwest side, June 13, 1765. Loudon was set off and incorporated January 23, 1773. Northfield was set off and incorporated June 19, 1780. A small tract was severed from Canterbury and annexed to Concord, June 2, 1784, and another to Loudon, Jan. 7, 1852.

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 86; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 261; Index to Laws, 81; Sketches of History, by William Patrick, 4, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 174; Petition of Inhabitants, 4, *id.*, 253; Instances of Longevity, 1793-1823, 3, *id.*, 151; Historical Sermon, 1833, by William Patrick, 1834, pp. 39; Account of the Shakers, 1, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 50; sketch, by J. N. McClintock, 4, Granite Monthly, 387; Birth, Marriages, and Deaths, *id.*, 391, 431, 507, and 5, *id.*, 163, 195; Letter to 4th Church in Hampton, 1756, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, vol. 27, p. 64; sketch, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 221; Shakerism Exposed, by Mary M. Dyer, pp. 32; 2d ed., 1855; Concise History of the United Society of Believers Called Shakers, by C. E. Robinson, 1893, pp. 134; A Compendious Narrative Elucidating the Character, Dispositions, and Conduct of Mary Dyer, etc., 1819, pp. 88; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 162; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 7, 9; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 360.]

[*Petition of Joseph Mann, 1753.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 93.*]

To the Proprietors of y<sup>e</sup> lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu<sup>r</sup> in New Hampshire Shew's—That your Petitioner hath Settled upon a parcel of land containing forty Acres for three years past, which forty Acres is Scituated in a Gore of Land between Canterbury & Bow, and which forty Acres I purchased of Coll<sup>o</sup> Peter Gilman as a Lot in Canterbury Number fifty three, and gave him one hundred fifty pounds old Tennor for Said forty Acres, and have been improving upon Said forty Acres ever Since and have built a House thereon where my Family now dwells and being lately informed that Said forty Acres is without y<sup>e</sup> Bounds of Canterbury and properly y<sup>e</sup> Right of Said Proprietors—I humbly pray that y<sup>e</sup> Honb<sup>le</sup> Prop<sup>rs</sup> would not Sell or convey Said forty Acres to any other person, so that my Labour & Improvement be given to any another, as I am willing & Desirous to pay and allow you any reasonable and valuable Consideration for the Same, when you shall please to convey or confirm y<sup>e</sup> same forty Acres to me, and shall be alway ready to attend

you for to receive your proposal of a Consideration for me to make for y<sup>e</sup> same, and pray you will Spedily consider my Petition, your grant of which will ever oblige your humble Petitioner—

Portsm<sup>o</sup> May 28<sup>th</sup> 1753—

Joseph man

[*Canterbury Committee to Treat with Masonian Proprietors, 1758.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 94.]

A Reagular Meeting held at Canterbury on Munday ye: 17<sup>th</sup> of July 1758—

Voted Ensi<sup>n</sup> John Moor Morderator for S<sup>d</sup> Meeting—

Voted Thomas Clough a Committe Chosen to Agree With and Make up, and Satisfie the Lord proprietors of Masons Right, in the Name, and behalf, of the present inhabitence of Canterbury, from Sixteen years Old and upwards, for the goare of land laying between Canterbury and Rumford, and to Receive a quit Clame, first to each posesor according to what he is in possession of, and also to pay According to his possession Excepting them that poses home Lots in s<sup>d</sup> gore, that wase Supposed to be in Canterbury and the Remainder to be acquitted to the present inhabitence—they paying according theirunto—Cap<sup>t</sup> Stephen Gerrish and kents Grants Excepted—

A true Copy attest

Archelaus Moor

Town Clerk—

[*Letter of Thomas Clough to Proprietors, 1758.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 95.]

Canterbury 18<sup>th</sup> of July 1758.

Sir

Yesterday there was a Meeting held in this Town to See (Amongst other Things) whether or no the Inhabitants of S<sup>d</sup> Town had a Mind to purchase the Gore of Land L<sup>t</sup> Mason's of the Lords proprietors thereof Scituate between S<sup>d</sup> Canterbury & Rumford als. Pennycook—And whereas at S<sup>d</sup> Meeting it was agreed to purchase —And I was chosen to Transact S<sup>d</sup> Affair for S<sup>d</sup> Canterbury And Should have forthwith waited on S<sup>d</sup> Lords proprietors But the Posture of our Affairs is Such at present that I cannot possibly come down (Our Hay Indian Corn & other things being almost Spoil'd for want of taking care of being Surprized almost every Day on acc<sup>t</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Indians and hardly dare Stir from one Garrison to another without a Large company together—But to proceed



Being Inform'd Sir that You are one of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Lord Proprietors & their Clerk Have Humbly made bold to write & Send this by m<sup>r</sup> James Head Humbly to request that you will communicate this our Intention to treat with them for purchasing S<sup>d</sup> Gore & that you will please to Send me an answer per Bearer by Letter by Some Safe Hand as Soon as possible If you have an Inclination to sell & when & where Yo<sup>r</sup> Meeting will be & I will wait on You—

N B—The Lands whereon Some of our Improvements we Suppose are in s<sup>d</sup> Gore tho' Laid out to us as part of s<sup>d</sup> Canterbury we have voted a plan of said Lands to be taken forthwith & to See what is wild Land what is in possession & what hath been Improv'd in S<sup>d</sup> Gore (Except what was formerly purchased by Capt. Gerrish & Coll. Kent of Newburry) which plan & all other things (as far as in me lyeth) relating to S<sup>d</sup> Gore I will bring with me when I come down In the mean while I am with my Humble Service to S<sup>d</sup> Lords proprietors in behalf of Our S<sup>d</sup> Town Expecting Yo<sup>r</sup> Speedy Answer after Communication of this Letter to them Sir your & their

Most Obed<sup>nt</sup> Humb Serv<sup>nt</sup>

Thomas Clough

To George Jaffreys Esq<sup>r</sup> At Portsmouth

[*Abraham Batchelder to Proprietors, 1759.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 96.*]

Canterbury Jan<sup>y</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1759

S<sup>r</sup>

These lines comes with a View to putt you in mind of a promise and likewise a *Request*, for whereas about Seven Years ago you desired me, to Run out & Plan that Gore of Land laying between Canterbury & Merrimack River for you; & you declared that you would see me Satisfied for the same, the Work has been done and a Plan of the same Delivered into your hands, but yet I have not Received any Satisfaction for the Same as yet, which when first done, was twenty pounds, which twenty Pounds then, was as good as fifty is Now, However S<sup>r</sup> my Request Now is, that you make known my Desires to the Lord Proprietors at their first Meeting to Grant me a Lott of Land in said Gore, beside Kents Farm so Called, According to the Plan which I now Send you, in Lieue of said Money, and should you think that I ought to give any More for said Land, be pleased to let me know of it, tho' withal; I hope you will Consider me to be a poor Man, & I hope you will be as favourable as Possible,

thus Leaveing the Affair with you, which I hope you will Speedily Accomplish, I remain your very  
Hum<sup>l</sup> Ser<sup>t</sup>

Abraham Batcheldor

[*Petition of Samuel Hale, 1759.*]

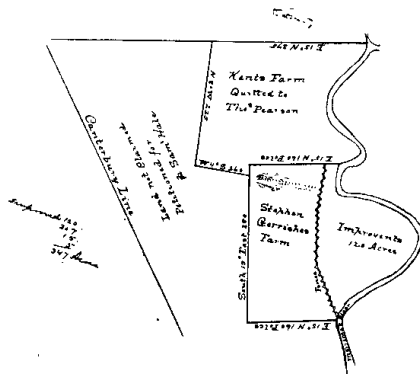
[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 97.]

To the Honorable Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> and others Proprietors of Mason's Right in New Hamp<sup>r</sup>—

The Petition of Samuel Hale Sheweth that your Petitioner having had an Offer made by Several of the Proprietors at a Meeting held last Year of a Grant of Land being made to him in your Claim And finding a Tract of Land lying between Rumford Canterbury & Kents Farm & Gerrishes containing between 200 & 300 Acres (exclusive of some improvements in the North west Corner) not claimed by any private Persons Prays a Grant of Said Land may be made to him according to the following Bounds viz Easterly by Rumford about 300 Rods Southerly by Kents & Gerrishes Farms about 320 Rods Notherly By Canterbury about 460 Rods.

Portsm<sup>o</sup> Feb: 8<sup>th</sup> 1759

Samuel Hale



[*Canterbury Committee to Treat with Masonian Proprietors, 1764.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 97.*]

At a meeting of the proprietors of the Township of Canterbury held by an ajournment on the forth wenesday of may Instant Voted that Walter Briant Esq<sup>r</sup> Thomas Clough & Lt Joseph Sias be a Committee to purches for the proprietors of the Township of Canterbury of the purchesers of masons Clame the whole of there Right or'as much as they Can agree for in the Goar of Lands between Canterbury and Rumford Line and petition the General Court to have the Same Innex<sup>d</sup> to the Town of Canterbury

Canterbury may 24<sup>th</sup> 1764


A True Cobby Attest

Tho<sup>s</sup> Clough propri<sup>ors</sup> Clerk

[*Memorandum of Canterbury Purchase, 1764.*]

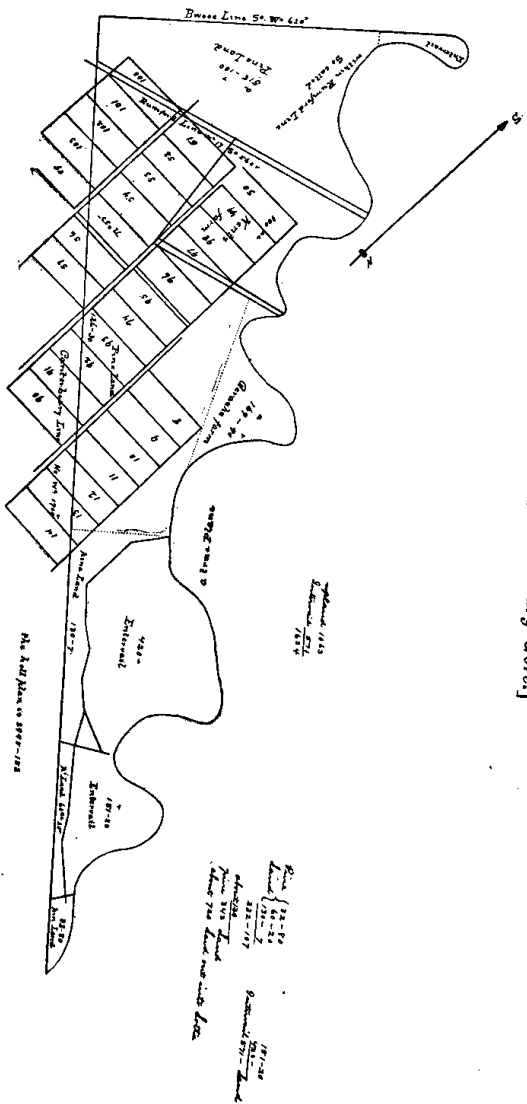
[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 98.*]

memorandum that on y<sup>e</sup> Last wednesday of this Instant november anno Domini 1764 we the Subscribers Walter Bryent of newmarket Joseph Sias of Durham & tho<sup>s</sup> Clough of Canterbury all in newhampshire a Committee appointed to purchase of y<sup>e</sup> Purchasers of Cap<sup>t</sup> John masons Claims in newhamp<sup>r</sup> of one partie & Jeremiah Clough Esq<sup>r</sup> & Ezekial morrell Both of Canterbury aforeSaid & their associates of the other part witnesseth that the said Com<sup>tees</sup> Convey to Said Jeremiah & Ezekiel & their associates all the Intervail & upland in the gore (So Called) that Lays between Canterbury afore Said & meremac River and on the northwesterly Side of the forty acre Lotts Laid out by the Proprietors of Canterbury and on the north of Cap<sup>t</sup> Gerish his Land viz all the Right & title to Said Premises which they Shall Purchase of Said purchesers of masons Clames viz all that Right & title to Said Premises upon Said Jeremiah & Ezekiel Paying Said Com<sup>tees</sup> all that Sum of money which s<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>tees</sup> is to Give Said Purchesers for the whole of the Gore between Rumford Line Canterbury Line & meremac River with the Cost & Charges arising in the Purchasing & Compleating y<sup>e</sup> Same

A true Cobby   
Walter Bryent

Walter Bryent  
Joseph Sias—  
tho<sup>s</sup> Clough  
Ezekiel morrell  
Jeremiah Clough

[Plan of Canterbury Gore.]




[*Bond for Purchase of Canterbury Gore, 1764.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 98.*]

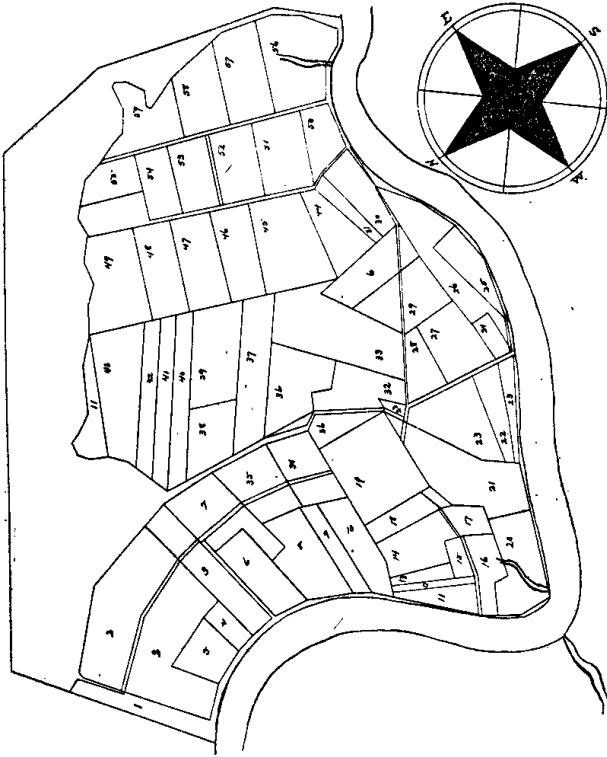
Canterbury Dec<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1764 whereas a Committee of the Proprietors of the town of Canterbury have agreed with the Purchasers of mason's Right to give twenty Six hundred pounds old tenor for their Interest in a gore of Land between Canterbury & Rumford Line (So Called) now know y<sup>e</sup> that we the Subscribers upon Said Committee bringing us a Quit Claim Deed of mason's Right agreeable to an agreement we have heretofore made then we Promise to pay the Said Committee the above Sum of twenty Six hundred Pounds old tenor and all the Charges that hath or may arise in the Purching Said gore which purchases & Charges is to be paid in proportion to what Land we Possess In the Entervale in Said gore

Ezekiel morrall	Jeremiah Clough	tho <sup>s</sup> Clough
W <sup>m</sup> moors	Sam <sup>l</sup> moor	James Gipson
nat moor	John forrist	Sam <sup>l</sup> Ames
Rich <sup>d</sup> Ellis	Ephraim Hacket	Henery Elkins
James Shephard	John Dolarf Junr	David morrell
John more	John Glines	Daniel Ames
Josiah miles	abner Clough	Arculas moor
William forrest Jun <sup>r</sup>	Rich <sup>d</sup> Ellis	Sam <sup>l</sup> Shephard
Joseph Simons	Josiah kentfeild	Asa foster

A true Coppy  Walter Bryant

CHARTER RECORDS.

[*Canterbury Plan, No Date.*]

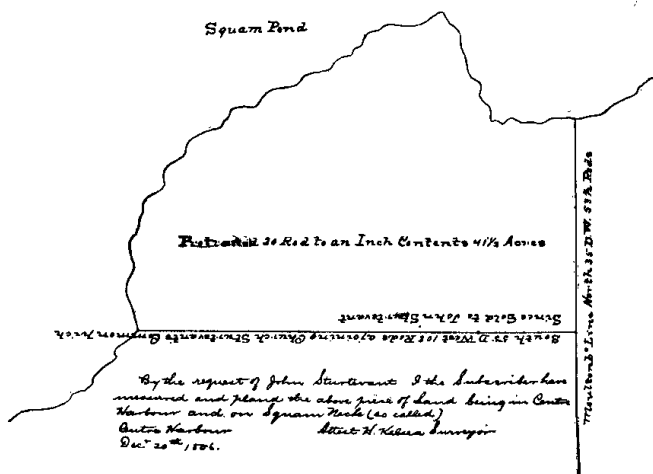


CENTRE HARBOR.

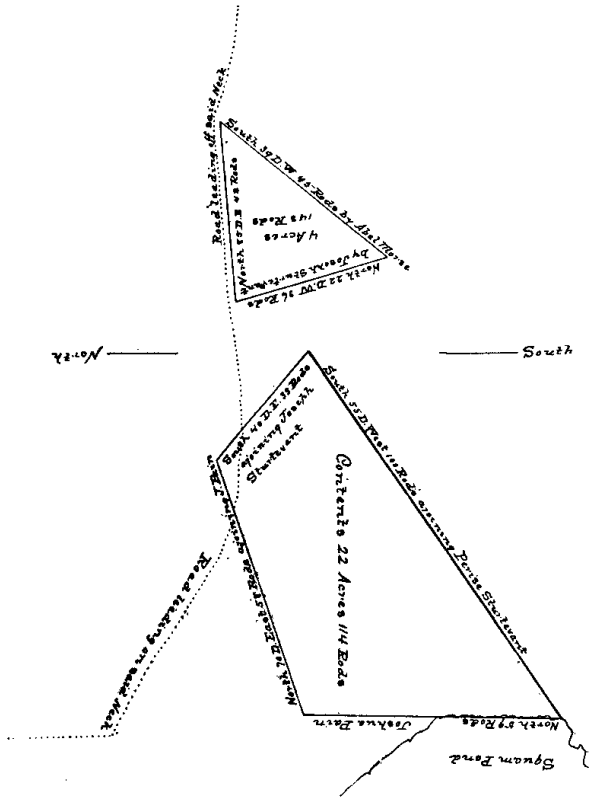
[Set off from New Hampton and incorporated Dec. 7, 1797. So called because it contained the middle one of three harbors, Moultonborough Harbor or Bay being on the east, and Meredith Harbor or Bay on the west. A part of Meredith was annexed to Centre Harbor July 3, 1873.]

See XI, Hammond Town Papers, 276; Index to Laws, 86; sketch, Hurd's History of Belknap County, 1885, p. 725; article on name, by Isaac W. Hammond, 4, Granite Monthly, 189; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 375; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 486; In the Heart of the White Mountains, by S. A. Drake, 1882, p. 8.]

[Plan of Lot in Centre Harbor, 1806.]



[Plan of Two Lots in Centre Harbor, 1807.]



By the request of Joseph Sturtevant I the Subscriber have measured and pland the above pieces of Land being in Centre Harbour and on Squam Neck (so called) Protracted 20 Rods to an inch—and adjoining as above by Common piches

Attest H. Kelsea Surveyor—



Decer 20<sup>th</sup> 1806

22—114

4. 148

26 257

In conjunction with Doc N A Haven this day conveyed the above land to J Sturtevant for 180 D<sup>s</sup> in one Year  
Jan<sup>y</sup> 2 1807

## CONCORD.

[This territory, known as *Penacook*, was granted by Massachusetts May 18, 1659, to Richard Waldron and others. Re granted by Massachusetts Jan. 17, 1725-6, to Ebenezer Eastman and others. Incorporated by Massachusetts as *Rumford*, Feb. 27, 1733-4. Incorporated by New Hampshire as Concord, June 7, 1765. The grant of Bow by New Hampshire, May 20, 1727, conflicted with this grant, and the dispute was decided by the king in favor of *Rumford*, Dec. 27, 1762. A gore of land was severed from Canterbury and Loudon and annexed to Concord, Jan. 2, 1784. Portions of Bow were annexed Dec. 13, 1804, and July 10, 1856. The State House was built in 1816 and remodeled in 1865. It was first occupied by the legislature in June, 1819. A city charter was granted July 6, 1849, but was not adopted until March 10, 1853.

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters preceding; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 128; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 340; Index to Laws, 116; Historical Sketch, by J. B. Moore, 1, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 153; Meteorological Tables, 1828-36, by J. Farmer, 5, *id.*, 261; Note on Penacook Indians, by same, 1, *id.*, 219; Penacook Papers, 3, *id.*, 212; History, by Nathaniel Bouton, 1856, pp. 786; sketch, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 57; The State House, by I. W. Hammond, *id.*, p. 406; Annals, by J. B. Moore, 1824, pp. 112; Diaries of Rev. Timothy Walker, ed. by J. B. Walker, 1889, pp. 80; History of Four Meeting Houses, by J. B. Walker, 1881, pp. 80; Historical Sketch of St. Paul's School, by H. A. Brown, 1885, pp. 27; Concord and Its Points of Interest, by G. F. Bacon, 1890, pp. 32; Dedication of Blossom Hill Cemetery, address by W. L. Foster, 1860, pp. 40; Dedication of Fowler Library Building, 1888, pp. 84; Bill of Mortality, 1798-1821, by Thomas Chadbourne, 1, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 81; Biography of Isaac Hill, 1835; Pastors, Deacons, and Members of the First Congregational Church, by J. Farmer, 1830, pp. 21; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 363; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 6, 17; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 365, 372, 374, 375; Historical Manual of South Congregational Church, 1869; Year Books of same, 1889, 1891; discourse, semi-centennial of Salisbury Baptist Association, by E. E. Cummings, 1878, pp. 24; Manuals of First Congregational Church, 1871, 1888; historical sermons by Nathaniel Bouton as follows: in Commemoration of the Organizing of the First Church in 1730, 1830, pp. 102; at Twenty Fifth Anniversary of His Settlement over First Congregational Church, 1850, pp. 54; at Fiftieth Anniversary of Concord Female Chari-

table Society, 1862, pp. 40; Forty Years Ministry, 1865, pp. 40; Third Semi-Centennial of Concord, 1875; pp. 48. Historical address, by H. M. Cook, 1876, pp. 15; historical addresses at 150th anniversary of First Congregational Church, 1880, pp. 71; same, 4, Granite Monthly, 193; sermon, 40th anniversary of South Congregational Church, by S. L. Blake, 1877; First Baptist Church, by H. M. Cook, 5, Granite Monthly, 27; Semi-Centennial of Organization of Second Congregational (Unitarian) Church and Society, 1879, pp. 60; History of the First Congregational Church, by F. D. Ayer, 2, Granite Monthly, 261; History of First Congregational Sunday School, by J. C. Thorne, 4, *id.*, 313; History of Music in First Congregational Church, by W. G. Carter, 4, *id.*, 320; address in Congregational Church, Fisherville, by John Kimball, 1876, pp. 16; St. Paul's Church, 1818-44, Dawson's Historical Magazine, 2d series, vol. 7, p. 364; St. Paul's School, 10, Granite Monthly, 233; St. Paul's School, by H. Harrison, Perry's History of the American Episcopal Church, 1885, vol. 2, p. 547; sketch, by J. N. McClintock, 8, Granite Monthly, 263; Early History of Concord Press, by A. McFarland, 2, *id.*, 164; Old Red Mill, by W. Harriman, 5, *id.*, 120; The Rolfe-Rumford House, by F. M. Colby, 5, *id.*, 346; The Walker House, by same, 3, *id.*, 345; Banks and Bankers, 9, *id.*, 339; May Flowers, chapter from history of, 7, *id.*, 76; Penacook in 1741, 26, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 438; Historical Sketch of N. H. Asylum for Insane, 1886, pp. 39; Biographical Notices of Physicians, 2, N. H. Repository, 80, 135; Biography of Kancamagus, 13, Farmer's Monthly Visitor, 129; Biography of Passaconway, 12, *id.*, 33; Biography of Wonnalancet, 12, *id.*, 257; The Last of the Penacooks, 13, *id.*, 257; for further Indian history see Potter's History of Manchester; History of N. H. Convention for Investigation, Discussion, and Decision of the Federal Constitution, by J. B. Walker, 1888, pp. 128; Acts of the Anti-Slavery Apostles, by Parker Pillsbury, 1883, p. 156; An Exploit in King Philip's War, Hannah Duston, by C. R. Corning, 2, Proceedings of N. H. Historical Society, 122; The Bradley Massacre, by H. G. Sargent, *id.*, 152; Journal of March to Protect the Inhabitants against the Indians, 1746, 4, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 201; Petition of Inhabitants for Restoration of the Garrison, 1748, *id.*, 253.]

[*Petition of Adams, Smith, and Bryant.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 99.]

Prov<sup>e</sup> of New } To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Purchasers & proprietors to  
 Hamp<sup>r</sup> } masons Right  
 the Petition of Samuel Adams Benjamin Smith & Walter Bryant  
 of newmarket & Durham humbly Shews that your petitioners are  
 appointed agents for & on behalf of a number of y<sup>e</sup> freeholders &  
 other Inhabatance of S<sup>d</sup> town & parish who are Desirous of having a  
 Certain Small tract or Gore of Land Bound as follows Beginning at  
 the north Corner of the town of Bow and to Run up Bounding on  
 the town of Canturbury on the north East to marimack River & on  
 merimack River on y<sup>e</sup> west Down Said River to Bow Line then Run-

ing north East ward Bounding on said Bow Line to the north Corner of Said town were it Began to be granted to us & our Constituents on Such Conditions & Limitations as shall be Best your & our Interest

Sam<sup>n</sup> Adams  
Benj<sup>a</sup> Smith  
Walter Bryant

[*Andrew McMillan to Proprietors in Behalf of Concord, 1770.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 100.]

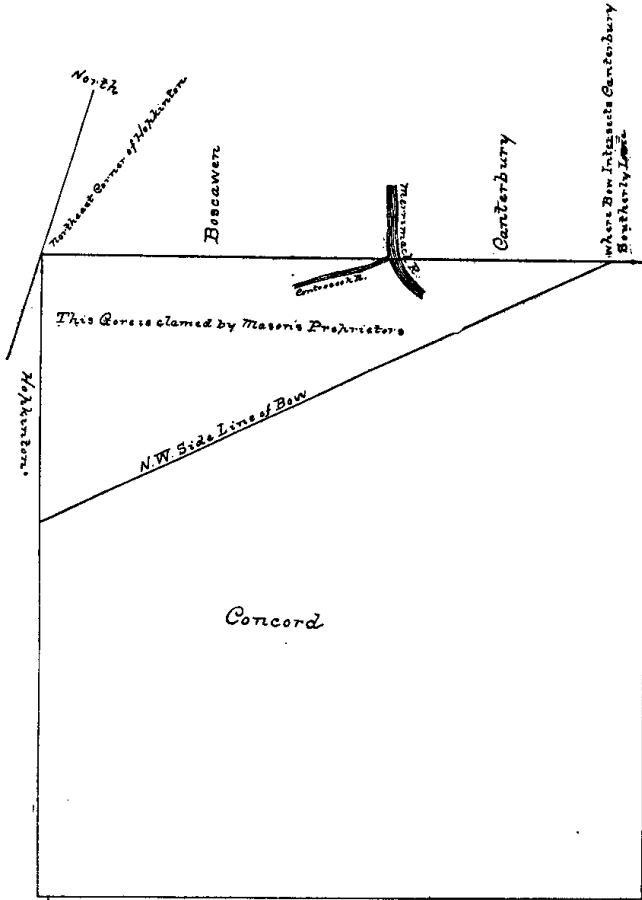
To the Moderator and Proprietors of land under the title of Jn<sup>o</sup> Tuffin Mason Esq<sup>r</sup>

Humbly sheweth that I the Subscriber am appointed by the proprietors and Inhabitants of Rumford now Concord. To wait on your honours in Order to know on what terms the proprietors and Inbit<sup>es</sup> of S<sup>d</sup> Rumford or Concord can or may be quieted in the possession of a Gore of land which lays within the Claim of S<sup>d</sup> Rumford or Concord as may appear by the plan annexed—

Gentlemen your answer to the above as Soon as possible will greatly oblige y<sup>r</sup> hu<sup>bis</sup> Ser<sup>t</sup>

And<sup>w</sup> m<sup>c</sup>Millan

Portsm<sup>o</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> August 1770



*This Plan is laid by a Scale of one Mile to an Inch*

[*Vote of Inhabitants of Concord, 1770.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 101.*]

Province of } At a meeting of the Proprietors & Freeholders  
New Hampshire } of the Township of Rumford, now Concord, on  
Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of November A D 1770 to Receive the Report  
of their Committee lately chosen to attempt an agreement with the  
Proprietors of Bow &c—

Voted 1. That Andrew Mcmillan Esq<sup>r</sup> be Moderator

2. That Tim<sup>o</sup> Walker Jun<sup>r</sup> be Clerk to enter the Proceedings of this Meeting (the stated Clerk not being able to attend)

The Committee having reported that the major Part of the Claimers of the Hundred Acre Lots that lie within our Town have signed that they will quit their Right to the same for Ten Pounds Lawful money per Lot, and are also encouraged that if we pay the s<sup>d</sup> several Sums to the s<sup>d</sup> Claimers, that the Proprietors of Bow will quit to the Proprietors of Rumford the remainder of their Township which lies within Rumford Grant, Except some Forty Acre Lots to the East of Sowcook River, also 162 acres of Land to be reserved to the Proprietors of Bow—

The Committee having also reported, that the Claimers under John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> had agreed to quit the Remainder of the Township of Rumford for Sixty Pounds Lawful Money—

3. That We will pay the s<sup>d</sup> Ten Pounds p<sup>r</sup> Lot to each claimer as aforesaid, provided the remaining Claimers of s<sup>d</sup> Lots will comply with the same Terms, and allow a reasonable Time to collect s<sup>d</sup> Money in.—

4. That we will pay the Proprietors claiming under s<sup>d</sup> Masou the s<sup>d</sup> Sixty Pounds Lawful Money for what they claim of the Township of Rumford—

5. That our Committee be desired to present a Copy of the above Votes to the Proprietors of Bow, also to the Claimers under Mason and request an answer to the same as soon as possible

A true Copy of the Proceedings of the above Meeting.

Attest

Tim<sup>o</sup> Walker J<sup>r</sup> Proprietors Clerk

[*Agreement of Masonian Committee in Regard to Concord Purchase, 1770.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 102.*]

Province of New } We the Subscribers being Appointed a Com  
Hampshire } mitte of the Proprietors of Masons Paten to hear  
the Proposals of the Committe of Rumford now Concord as their is

a Quantity of Land in the said Town of Rumford that Falls within the said Paten Line and the Proprietors and Freeholders of said Rumford at a Meeting, held in said Rumford now Concord Nov<sup>r</sup> 26. 1770 Voted to give the Proprietors of Masons Paten Sixty Pounds Lawful money for what the said Proprietors Claim of the Township of Rumford, and We the Committe of the Proprietors of Masons Paten do now Agree with the Committe of Rumford to take the said Sum of Sixty Pounds Lawful money, they to give Good Security for said Sum to be paid within Twelve months from the Date hereof, and upon giving the said Security the Committe Aforesaid Engages to give to said Proprietors of Rumford a Quit Claim Deed of the said Tract of Land Aforesaid

Portsmouth December 13<sup>th</sup> 1770

Daniel Rogers	} Committe of the	
John Penhallow		Proprietors of
Peter Pearse		Masons Paten—

[Quitclaim of a Gore of Land to Concord, 1771.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Oct. 3, 1771.]

Province of } Portsmouth October 3<sup>d</sup> 1771 Thursday three of  
New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> } the Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of  
James Stoodly Esqu<sup>r</sup> Innholder the Proprietors meet according to  
adjournment—

Whereas the Proprietors and Freeholders of a place called Rumford now Concord, have made Application to the Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in New Hampshire, for a Purchase of a quit claim of their right to a Gore or tract of Land which was included in said Rumford, upon which application the Consideration whereof was referred to a Committee to treat with Andrew MacMillan Esq<sup>r</sup> and others a Committee of the Proprietors & Inhabitants of Rumford or Concord about a Conveyance, and the Terms thereof in behalf of this Propriete, for a Gore, or tract of Land referred to in said M<sup>e</sup>Millan's Petition, & to report thereon as Soon as may be, the said Committee have made a report thereon viz<sup>t</sup> that they had agreed with the Committee of said Rumford to take the sum of Sixty Pounds lawfull money, the Proprietors of Rumford giving good Security for the said Sum, to be paid within twelve Months from the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 1770, and upon such Security being given, engage to be given to the said Proprietors of Rumford a quit claim of the tract of Land aforesaid, from the said Purchasers

& Proprietors of Masons Grant. In Consequence of the report of said Committee and upon Consideration of said Security given for said Sum of sixty Pounds lawfull or Proclamation Money, be it—

Therefore Voted and hereby Granted unto the Proprietors & Freeholders of a place called Rumford now Concord, all the right, Title, Interest, & Claim of the Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in new Hampshire of, in & to the said tract or Gore of Land, bounded as follow's namely, begin'ing where the north west side Line of Bow intersect's the easterly side Line of Hopkington, thence north east on the north west side Line of Bow, till it intersect's the southerly side Line of Canterbury, thence on the southerly side Lines of Canterbury & Boscawen till it come's to the north east, corner of Hopkington, thence on the easterly side Line of Hopkington to the bounds first mentioned.

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### CONWAY.

[Originally known as *Pigwacket* or *Pequawket*. Granted as Conway Oct. 1, 1765, to Daniel Foster and others. Grants to Lieuts. Hugh Sterling, Samuel Stark, and Archibald Stark were annexed June 14, 1800. The farms of Jonathan Hardy and Edward Shirley were severed from Conway and annexed to Chatham, June 26, 1823.]

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volume; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 141; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 409; Index to Laws, 125; sketch, Fergusson's History of Carroll County, 1889, p. 815; History of the White Mountains, by Lucy Crawford, 1845, chap. X; History of North Conway, by B. D. Eastman, 1880, in files of *The Idler*; Willey's History of the White Mountains, 1870, chap. XIII; The White Hills, by T. Starr King, 1859, p. 149; The Intervale, by Winfield S. Nevins, 1887, pp. 60; The March of Capt. Samuel Willard, by C. E. Fay, 2, Appalachia, 336; Stevens's Memorials of Methodism, 2d series, 1852, p. 334; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 375; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 12; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 582; grants to Hugh Sterling, Archibald Stark, and Samuel Stark, with Madison papers; The White Mountains, A Guide to Their Interpretation, by Julius H. Ward, 1890, p. 26; In the Heart of the White Mountains, by S. A. Drake, 1882, p. 39.]

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[*Henry Young Brown to Proprietors, 1768.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 103.]

Pigwacket Sep<sup>t</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1768

Hon<sup>d</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Fletcher hath Extended your Claim to Saco River in one place and Includes a Considerable part of a Township I purchased of the province of y<sup>e</sup> massachusitts Gov<sup>mt</sup> where I was Set-

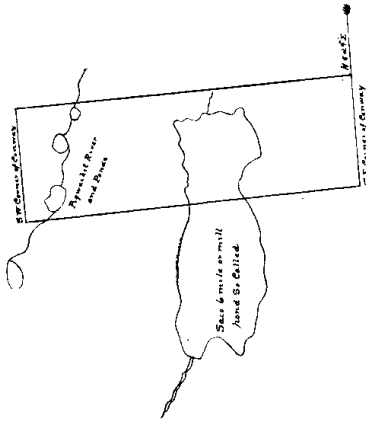
tled before their was any Suspishon of a dispute about it therefore desire I may have the first Refusal of your Interest in my Town as Laid out under the Title of y<sup>e</sup> Mass<sup>a</sup> if it pleases God to Spair my Life and Restore my helth I shall be at portsmouth y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> your Interest in my behalf will Lay me under obligations to acknowledg y<sup>e</sup> favour for disputes are disagreeable to me

I am S<sup>r</sup> Your Honours Most obedi<sup>t</sup> Humble Servant

Henry young Brown

P S I must Inform you that the Lands was Granted to people under new hampshire Since I was Settled on them and many other families which I Settled

[Plan of Masonian Land in Conway.]



To begin at the S E Corner of Conway as run out by walter Bryant Jun<sup>r</sup> 1765 on the province line Thence N 8 d<sup>ss</sup> E by the nedle 2 miles to the northermost Extent of masons Claim Thence westerly by Masons head line 6 miles to the west Side line of Conway as formerly run out thence S 8 d<sup>ss</sup> W about 2 miles to the S W Cornor of S<sup>d</sup> Conway thence by S<sup>d</sup> Conway line 6 miles to the first bound Containing all the lands in Conway Claim<sup>d</sup> by the propriators of masons right

p<sup>r</sup> Henry Y Brown



[*Daniel Foster's Request, 1769.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 104.]

To Walter Bryant J<sup>r</sup> Esq<sup>r</sup>

As you are agent for Conway should be Glad you would Petition the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of Mason Patent to Confirm to the Proprietors of Conway what Lands within Conway Lines have fallen within said Patent by A Line Lately Run for the Northerly & Westerly Line of said Patent  
Feb<sup>r</sup> 25 1769.—

Daniel Foster

[*Henry Young Brown to Proprietors, 1769.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 105.]

Portsmouth Sep<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1769

Gentlemen as there is part of the Lands I purchased of the province of the massachusitts bay which falls within your Claim I Should be glad of the favour to have Some part of the Land of you upon Some Conditions which may be thought reasonable which will oblige your most obedient Humble Servant

Henry Young Brown

To the Gentlemen Interasted in Masons propriory

[*Appointment and Petition of Conway Committee, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 106.]

At a Legal Meeting of the Proprietors of Conway held on y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1773—Henry—Y Brown David Page Richard Eastman Tho<sup>s</sup> Merrill Esq<sup>r</sup> and Eben<sup>r</sup> Burbank. Be a Committe to Settle with the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of Masons right for their claim in Said Town with full Power to Substitute any one of s<sup>d</sup> Committe to Transact the affair under Such restrictions as they Shall think proper for them

April 1<sup>st</sup> 1773

A true Copy attest

Tho<sup>s</sup> Merrill Prop<sup>r</sup> Ck

To the proprietors of the right of John—Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> We the Subscribers a Committe of the Proprietors of Conway in the Province New Hampshire April 1<sup>st</sup> 1773 Humbly Sheweth

That Conway was Granted in the year 1765 by the Geovenor and Council that they Have been at great Expencc in making roads and Settling Said Town as it is remote from the other Settlements in the

Province that they have been Obliged to Dispute the Province line which was no Small Expencc to them that it was not known when the Town was Granted that it Interfeared with your rights as it now appears that part of Conway lays within your Claim—and as what they have done is an Advantage to your land below us. We therefore pray you would. Take our affair under your Consideration and make a Grant to the Proprietors of Conway of your Right which is within Said Township

and as in Duty Bound Shall ever pray

Henry Young Brown  
Richard Eastman  
Thomas Merrill  
David Page  
Ebenezer Burbank

[*Henry Young Brown to Proprietors in Behalf of Conway, 1773.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 107.*]

Conway April 3<sup>d</sup> 1778

Gentlemen of the proprietors } I am Substituted by the Committee  
of Masons Right } for Conway to Transact the affair for  
them with your proprioty Your Claim is near Two miles on Conway  
Six miles Wide according to a Plan herewith Exhibited Containing  
7346 acres. To my Sorrow there is but little good land there is the  
Contents of one mile Squair Pond and double that Quantity Spruce  
Swamp of but little value and a larg proportion of other wast land  
Broken Pich Pine &c though necessary to accomidate the Settlement  
of the Town—the proprietors once Chose a Committee to Settle with  
you who were not wiling to acknowledg your right they have now  
Chose another as you will See by the Inclosd Vote. who have petition  
you for a Grant which is also Inclos<sup>d</sup> and as I am Substituted agree-  
able to the order of the proprietors to Transact the affair Should be  
glad you would Take our Petition into Consideration as Soon as you  
Can Conveniently for we want to lay out a division of land in the  
Town and a delay to have the matter Settled will have a Tendency  
to delay the Settlement of the Town on which the advancement of  
the Settlement of this part of the Country much depends (as it will  
be a resource for the Towns near it) and of Cource your Interest and  
that of the Publick<sup>e</sup> from these and other weighty reasons I am In-  
duced to believe you will answer the prayer of our Petition without  
delay and make us a grant of the land according to the plan Inclos<sup>d</sup> if  
the Proprietors Should think proper to reserve a Small acknowledg-

ment I would humbly Propos it minght not Exceed five Hundred acres and that to lay on the south line of the Town as it will Joyne your other lands and Least discommode the Settlements

Gentlemen I am in the name and behalf of s<sup>d</sup> Conway your most obedient Humble Servant

Henry Young Brown

[*Terms of Masonian Proprietors for Quit-Claim of Conway, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 108.]

1773 June 9<sup>th</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Henry Young Brown appearing in behalf of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> the Grantees of y<sup>e</sup> Township Conway at y<sup>e</sup> the meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Prop<sup>rs</sup> of Mason's Grant when and where it was conceded by the Prop<sup>rs</sup> on Sundry peculiar Considerations that they would accept of fifteen hundred Acres in the Township of Conway for a Quit Claim of the land in y<sup>t</sup> Township within Mason's Grant to be laid out within and bounding on the South line of Conway into fifteen one hundred Acre lotts to be measured marked out & numbered from one to fifteen within Six months from this date at the Expence of y<sup>e</sup> grantees of Conway and a plan thereof to be returned to this Propriety and that the owners of the Said fifteen hundred Acres Shall not be Subjected to any Expence of the Township of Conway for publick buildings clearing of Roads or any other Charge of y<sup>e</sup> Township of Conway &c till the Lot of any or each of this Propriete shall be improved or Sold by them

[*Memoranda Relating to Different Towns, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 108.]

October 4<sup>th</sup> 1773— mem<sup>o</sup> of Sundries who desire to settle on y<sup>e</sup> Lots on new Road to Conway viz<sup>t</sup>

John Foy Jun<sup>r</sup>

Step<sup>n</sup> Foy

Step<sup>n</sup> Drew

Reuben Tuttle

Jonathan Swain

Jacob Sccegel Jun<sup>r</sup>

October 6<sup>th</sup> 1773

determined that y<sup>e</sup> tract of land ungranted, described on y<sup>e</sup> other Side be Surveyed this Fall, and that Minot's and Atkinson's acco<sup>ts</sup> of law Suit v<sup>s</sup> Alexandria, before the grant of y<sup>e</sup> ungranted Lots in Alexandria—

M<sup>c</sup>Allisters Petition in N<sup>o</sup> 2.—under y<sup>e</sup> present apprehension of y<sup>e</sup> Circumstances relative to that right it does not appear y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors

can grant it—but y<sup>e</sup> Circumstance of y<sup>e</sup> forfeited rights in that town to be enquired into—

to enquire of Cap<sup>t</sup> Allen respecting y<sup>e</sup> Cost of the Bridge built by Secagel over ossipe river and y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup> to Settle y<sup>e</sup> affair with Secagel and to make what allow<sup>ce</sup> to Scagel may appear reasonable & just—

The Com<sup>tee</sup> to confirm y<sup>e</sup> agreement with y<sup>e</sup> 10 Settlers on 10 Lots in Bradford-Town if they agree to accept them as agreed—and that y<sup>e</sup> whole tract of land of Bradford-Town be laid out and allotted as y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup> shall think best

That y<sup>e</sup> Clerk is desired to write to Coll<sup>o</sup> Badger & Com<sup>tee</sup> of Gilman Town to have y<sup>e</sup> dispute between Said town & y<sup>e</sup> Gore adjusted (oct<sup>r</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1773 wrote to Coll<sup>o</sup> Badger)

That y<sup>e</sup> ten Settlers on y<sup>e</sup> road from Wolfborough to Leavets Town be determined as Soon as may be and that y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup> be desired to put on Setlers between Osipe and Conway to y<sup>e</sup> number of 10 or 12—

That y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup> employ a Surveyor to run out Limerick according to y<sup>e</sup> grant &<sup>ca</sup>—

That the Committee be desired to have all the land ungranted between Wolfborough Tuftonboro Moultonborough Sandwich y<sup>e</sup> Curve line Conway y<sup>e</sup> Provence Line & Leavits Town to East Town & Middleton Surveyed & lotted & Plan thereof Returned—

That the Strip of Land between Peterborough & L Lyndborough be annexed to the Proprietors reservation in Peterborough So as to accomadate each Prop<sup>rs</sup> share

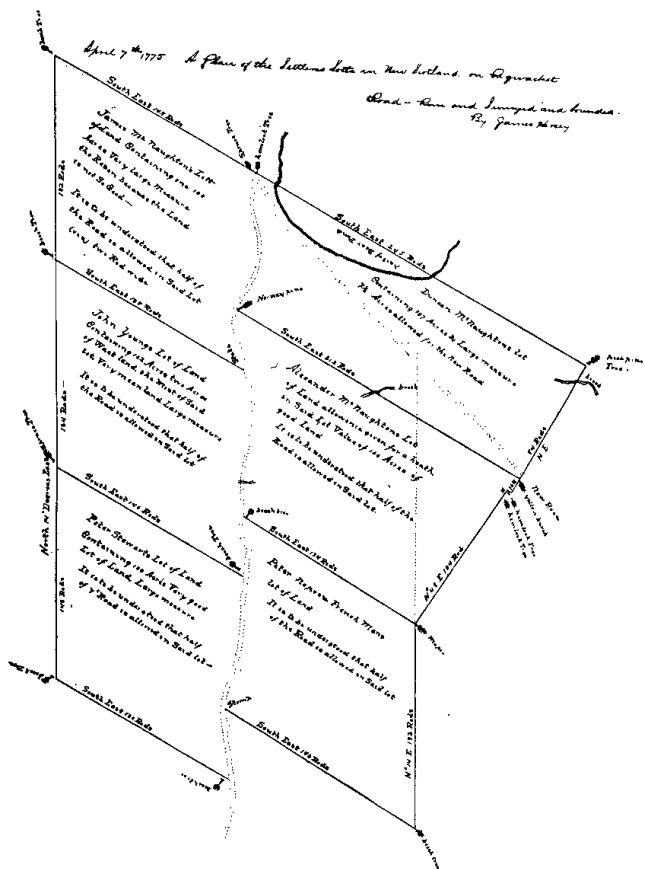
October 27<sup>th</sup> 1773 determined by y<sup>e</sup> Com<sup>tee</sup> that Coll<sup>o</sup> Rust be employed to have y<sup>e</sup> road to Conway cleared of Windfalls that m<sup>r</sup> Jaffrey is desired to write to Doct<sup>r</sup> Thompson & Hub<sup>s</sup> Neel to come down to engage in Survey<sup>s</sup> &c

Nov<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1773 That m<sup>r</sup> Jaffrey be desired to write to Coll<sup>o</sup> Rust to have y<sup>e</sup> Windfalls well cleared in the road to Ossipee Bridge as Soon as may be on y<sup>e</sup> Prop<sup>rs</sup> Acco<sup>t</sup> and inform y<sup>e</sup> Prop<sup>rs</sup> what lots on the road are improved and what y<sup>e</sup> Improvements are

wrote Nov<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup>

A Peice of Land adjoining Alexandria and New Chester Running from thence toward Concord in the County of Rockingham & adjoining the y<sup>e</sup> Township of New Britton Solsbery & on toward s<sup>d</sup> Concord and the oather Side the addition to alexandria Paries Town Almsberry &c Suposed to be in Some Places a mile in weadth oather Places More & in Some Places Less Supposed to be about fifteen Miles in Length Taking the Chief or all Kiarsarge Mountain

[Plan of Land of Scotch Settlers, 1775.]



[*Henry Weed to Proprietors, 1777.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 109.*]

Gentlemen

I Came down to see you Pursuant to our Agreement, of the Coraway, Settlement, but you Attended not and I Cannot Stay until you Can Meet. Therefore I Leave this Information Namely—that the forementioned Land will Serve for a Settlement—and People Seem Forward for Settlements—But Yet their Seems Sumthing threatening, from Eaton and Burton, on which Land the Coroway Settlement must be and I shall Expect you to Defend and Secure our Settlement Peaceably unto us from the Proprietors of Said Eaton and Burton During the Time of our Settlements Should be Glad If you Wou'd Send me a Letta by Cap' Dudley, and Appoint the Time when you will Attend the Business, and I will Come down If you think Proper—

Portsm<sup>o</sup> June 27<sup>th</sup> 1777—

To Hon' Daniel Rogers Esq <sup>r</sup>	} Committee of the	} —
John Pierce—		
John Penhallow		

I am Gentlemen Your Hum' Servant—

Henry Weed

[*Thomas Chadbourne to Proprietors, 1779.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 110.*]

Conway Feb<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1779

Sir As you gave me Sum Directions concerning y<sup>r</sup> Land on the Road from osipa to Conway I think it not amiss to give You this hint that it is intended by a number of people to take possession of great part of that Land near Conway next spring if you Should have any Directions to me on that business I shall be Down in march next when I will Receive them—

from yors to Serve—

Thomas Chadbourn

To M<sup>r</sup> John Peirce }  
Portsmo— }

[*Thomas Chadbourne to Proprietors, 1779.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 110.*]

Conway Octo<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1779

Sir an answer to yours the Selectmen of Conway have not Demanded any Tax of the masons Proprietors Since I Saw you—after I

Come home and in april wee made our Taxes I then Proposed to the Selectmen being one my Selve to make a plan & Returne as proposed Their answer was that it was quite uncertain where you the proprietors had any Right in Conway however I proceeded and made a Tax as usual and Directed the Collector not to Call on you untell further orders—the Reason for this is that all the Land from Conway eight miles South is Claimed by other proprietors who have Taken Possession and are making greate Improvement and Transfereing the property to others by warrant Deeds for valuable Consideration and all this without any notice from the proprietors of mason however I think I shall prevale and Send you a plan as I promised them in answer to yours—and for your Information I the other Day went through y<sup>r</sup> Land from Conway to osipee I found there was not one Single Right on the Road from Conway line to the Eight mile tre worth haveing but what was taken up and very Considerable Improvement made on maney of them a number of families on and more Coming and all the Land toward the province Line is also taken by those who have grants Lying there—as your Committe Gave me Sum Directions about Settleing Sum of those lots my Settlers are in Great fear of their title and Sum have actualy taken other Deed under the Bryants and others they being on the Spot tel them fine Storyes—I was thinking for the benefite of my Settlers that as the Road from Wolfsborough to Cohos is to be made good by act of General Court the Land Sold for the Same if not Paid by the proprietors you will be at Great Cost on osipa bridge and if the Comittee appointed by General Court were to Sel a few of those Rights Clamed by those persons it might bring matters Right that way—I am Sir your obliged Humble Servant—

Thomas Chadbourn—

To the Hon<sup>l</sup> George Jeffrey Esq<sup>r</sup>

[*John Heath to Proprietors, 1779.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 111.*]

Conway November y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1779

To the Committee of the Masonian Proprietors.

Gentlemen, I have not carried out the Price of the Days Work for the Reason that money is depreciated since my Agreement with you, I leave it to your Consideration to make such Allowance as you shall think Just & reasonable. I propose to wait on you about the 8<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> of December next. I am, Gentlemen, your very obedient humble Sr<sup>t</sup>

John Heath

[*Thomas Chadbourne to Proprietors, 1780.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 112.]

Conway March 18<sup>th</sup> 1780

Sir agreeable to my promise I have ben to our Proprietors Records in order to Give you from thence the Proceeding of the Proprietors Relative to the 1500 acres of Land in Conway which was laid out and assignd for masons Proprietors—but Cannot find anything that will answer your Purpose where it is the Proprietors Clerks fault or the Committee appointed to Settle with you I Cannot tell—all I Can find is the vote of the proprietors Impowering Certain persons as a Committee and their Petition at large to masons Prop<sup>r</sup> for Settlement and allso 1500 acres of Land Laying in a Range on the South line of Conway N<sup>od</sup> from 1 to 15 Recorded Which he the Proprietors Clerk Saith is your Land altho he agrees with me that no mortal can find out any thing by any Records what was Don about the affair—it appears that Cap<sup>t</sup> Brown was promoted in the Committee and has Power to finish the affair which I Pray you will look to him for and I make no Doubt but he Can Set all things Right—the 1500 acres as above is what you are taxed for and is accounted by us the Seletmen of Conway as the Property of masons Proprietors—

I am Sir your most Humble Servant

Thomas Chadbourn—

To George Jeffrey Esq<sup>r</sup>

[*Hugh Sterling to Proprietors, 1781.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 113.]

Conway July y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1781

Sr Althow I am un Equented With you Nesesity oblidges me to truble you with these foue Lins &C I had a Location Granted me by the King of Grate Breton Sume years agoo and haveing it Lade out by M<sup>r</sup> Brinett I moved to this place With a Vew to Settlet but Shortly after The Gentlemen propriorters of Meson patent Sente Mr flatcher to Roun the Line over agein and So tock my Location from me Whare upon I Sente a poticion to you Gentelmen propriortors and Sente a Leater to my Kensman with my potiction to Cap<sup>tn</sup> John Cochran then Cap<sup>tn</sup> of fort William Marey Deseiring him to profare my potacition to your Hounrs Which accordingly he Did and he



Wrote me for an answer That you freely equetd me and that you had Entered it upon your Records that I Was a Queted I ther upon Vos Esey but Since you have Sente a Survear and has Laid out my Land into Houndred Acres Lots and is Granting it to Whome So Ever Asks it of you I pray Sr of you and Liekwise of all the Gentelmen proprierters that you Wold Conseder me as I am the one and the only one that has Ever Moved a femely So fear Into the Welderness to Setel upon y<sup>e</sup> patons that you Wold be plesed to Grante me my Lande and as I have Deeded five Houndred acers to General John Starks and two Houndred to M<sup>r</sup> James M<sup>c</sup>harde of Heaverhill if thy Should Come Back upon ther Deeds it wold undo me Sr if you Will be plesed to In Quire at the Bearer Colonel David page Esq<sup>r</sup> he Will Inform you of the Whol pertickulors I Should have Been upon the premeses befor this time but I meeting With Grate Loses by Death In my famely I had one Son Drownded the Spring this War Brock out and a Neather Son Listed and Wente to Canada and ther Died So I was Destetute of healp and I being En old man Made it Verey Deficteult for me to goo to the Wilderness to Leve Independente of my Self but I am propering to goo With two Son In Laws as Soun as possible if you Will Grante me my Lande your Complince with my Request will oblidge Sr your Most obedent and Verey houmble Sarvente

Hugh Sterling

N B pray Sr Leat me have a Line by the Barer Colonel page I am as above

William Whepel Esq<sup>r</sup>

[*Proprietors' Reservations in Conway, 1782.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, July 24, 1782, and Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 114.]

State of New } Portsmouth July 24<sup>th</sup> 1782 Wednesday three of  
Hampshire } the Clock afternoon at the House of M<sup>r</sup> John Penhal-  
low partly improved as a Store—the Proprietors meet according to  
adjournment

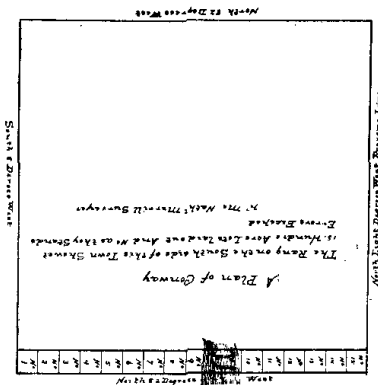
Whereas Cap<sup>t</sup> Joshua Heath of Conway presented to the Proprietors a Plan of the Town of Conway taken by Nathaniel Merrill Surveyor with a Reservation of fifteen hundred Acres of land to Said Proprietors, laid down in Said Plan, on the South Side of Said Town containing one hundred Acres in each lot Marked and numbered from one to fifteen, the numbers beginning at the westerly Side of Said Reservation—The Proprietors being desirous of making a Severance of Said Reservation—Therefore Voted that a Severance be

now made of Said Reservation agreeable to Said Plan—by a draft of the Lots agreeable to the numbers as therein Marked a[nd] laid down—and that the Lots now drawn to each of the fifteen original Proprietors Rights or Shares, Shall be a Severance of Said Reservation to each of said Proprietors Right or Share therein, as drawn, and entered, to each of them; To have and to hold the Same in Severalty to each of them and each of their Heirs and Assigns as so drawn and entered—

The Draft of the Lots of the Reservation of fifteen hundred Acres of land in Conway—viz<sup>t</sup>—

To the Right of	John Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup>	.	.	Lot N <sup>o</sup>	5
To . . .	Richard Wibird Esq <sup>r</sup>	.	.		14
To . . .	George Jaffrey Esq <sup>r</sup>	.	.		4
To . . .	Mark H <sup>s</sup> Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup>	.	.		11
To . . .	Jotham Odiorne Esq <sup>r</sup>	.	.		7
To . . .	Thomas Walingford Esq <sup>r</sup>	.	.		10
To . . .	John Rindge	.	.		13
To . . .	Solly and March	.	.		2
To . . .	Peirce and Moore	.	.		8
To . . .	Joshua Peirce Esq <sup>r</sup>	.	.		12
To . . .	Thomlinson & Mason	.	.		1
To . . .	Theodore Atkinson Esq <sup>r</sup>	.	.		9
To . . .	John Moffatt Esq <sup>r</sup>	.	.		6
To . . .	Blanchard Meserve & C <sup>o</sup>	.	.		3
To . . .	Thomas Packer Esq <sup>r</sup>	.	.		15

[Plan of Conway, 1782.]



[*Terms of Proprietors for Grant to Hugh Sterling, 1782.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 114.]

mem<sup>o</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 3. 1782. at a Co'vention of the Proprietors of y<sup>e</sup> land purchas'd of Jn<sup>o</sup> Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Application being made by Cap<sup>r</sup> Young Brown in behalf of Hugh Sterling representing that s<sup>d</sup> Sterling had a grant of Land by the Governm<sup>t</sup> of N Hamp<sup>r</sup> located near Conway & the Province line of 2000 acres & Since finding Said Location to lay within Mason's Grant pray's Said Proprie: will make said Sterling a Grant of y<sup>e</sup> whole or what part of Said Location they shall think meet—upon consideration of his making Settlements on each of three hundred Acres shall be granted to him and immediately Settle two families on their grant & two families in a year and that he will relinquish to Said Proprietors any and the whole Location to them, and make Settlement upon Said grant as aforesaid, and maintain and oppose any other Right or title shall be Sot up or infringe upon the Right & Title of Said Proprietors—S<sup>d</sup> Prop<sup>rs</sup> taking into Consideration the above Said Application, and Several Applications heretofore made by Said Sterling The Said Proprietors have concluded to make a grant to Said Sterling of thirteen hundred Acres on the westerly Side of Said location of 2000 Acres, as may be taken by the lots of the land Surveyed and laid out marked and numbered on the Plan returned to Said Proprietors by Jame Hersy 1781

Henry Dow having this day made Application to the Prop<sup>rs</sup> to be quieted on the land he has improved on the land in Hersy's Plan and noted in it near y<sup>e</sup> Prov: line being N<sup>o</sup> 2 which Hugh Sterling claims contrary to y<sup>e</sup> proposal he made & determined by y<sup>e</sup> Prop<sup>rs</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1782

1784 Jan<sup>y</sup> 29<sup>th</sup>

April 21<sup>st</sup> 1784 Moses Ingals appeared and produced a Deed from above named Henry Dow for y<sup>e</sup> abovementioned N<sup>o</sup> 2 and Says said Dow has removed from Said lot on w<sup>ch</sup> is a log house and ab<sup>t</sup> 2 Acres of land cleared & ab<sup>t</sup> 8 Acres more fell—

[*Henry Young Brown to Proprietors, 1783.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 115.]

Brownfield June 10<sup>th</sup> 1783

S<sup>r</sup> Sterlings location is 800 Rods N & S and 400 East and west by Herseys Survey the lots as Split on the west Side & the South Side

by Sterlings lines his proposel is for your propriotors to make him a grant of the whole & he to Deed to you one third part on the East Side from End to end and not have any Reference to the lots I have Viewed the matter and Cannot See any Ill Conveniency it will be to you if it is done by lots it will Interfere with Sterlings deeds to Generol Starks & Co<sup>l</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Starks & with their deed to others as the lots he gave deeds of are on the west side & your lott on that Side are Split by his line as to ordway my applycation to you was on Archable Starks location tho now he pushes very hard on Sterling & I think without any reasonable pretence for he has Entered on a lot that Sterling sold to John Sterk & Starks to Jo<sup>s</sup> Walker & they had worked on it before Ordway did I think it most Just for him to be confined to his first application But this is only for your Information for I have no other Interest in the matter only to State facts for that purpose I should be glad of your determination in the matter If you would send to the Secretarys offis you may have His Charter as it was sent to be Recorded

I am s<sup>r</sup> your very Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

H: Y: Brown

George Jeffry Esq<sup>r</sup> to be Communicated

### DANBURY.

[Set off from Alexandria and incorporated June 18, 1795. The town was transferred from Grafton County to Merrimack July 10, 1874. Land belonging to George W. Dudley and Archibald Ford was severed from Wilmot and annexed to Danbury Dec. 19, 1848. A portion of Hill was annexed June 26, 1858, and a part of Wilmot July 26, 1878.

See XI, Hammond Town Papers, 477; Index to Laws, 131; sketch, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 289; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 17; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 527.]

[*Report on Lots in Danbury, 1822.*]

[Extract from Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 52.]

Lands in Danbury

Lot N<sup>o</sup> 27, in the 2 Division is poor laying a mountain remote 1  
No 41. in the 2 Division laying at the foot of a mountain being a midling lot being rether remote being mixter of groath of timber 2

No 21. in the 3 Division is a midling lot occipid by Ebenezer Stuart he has cleard nearly fifteen acres of s<sup>d</sup> lot is reather remote as said Stuart says he agreed with M<sup>r</sup> Pirce for the same 3

No 27. in the 3. Division is reather poor on a mountain on a road and but a little value 15

No 69 in the 2 Division miding lot the timber is a mixte and som pine there is som pine cut on s<sup>d</sup> lot for shingle and som lays there now that they cut said lot lays on the Grafton Turnpike 3

N<sup>o</sup> 27. in 3<sup>d</sup> Divis Danbury—present price (19 March 1822) \$3  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre enquired for by old M<sup>r</sup> Flanders for Levi Fraser

“ “ offered  $\frac{3}{4}$  letter to John Gale for \$250

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DUBLIN.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors as *Monadnock No. 3*, or *North Monadnock*, Nov. 3, 1749, to Matthew Thornton and others. Incorporated as Dublin March 29, 1771, and named from Dublin, Ireland. A part of the town was annexed to Marlborough June 13, 1818.

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volume; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 188; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 555; Index to Laws, 157; sketch, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 180; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 142; discourse, 25th anniversary of ordination, by Levi W. Leonard, 1846, pp. 28; History, by same, 1855, pp. 433; Map of Monadnock Mountain, 6, Appalachia, opp. 262; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 255.]

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[*Masonian Charter of Dublin, 1749.*]

[*Masonian Papers*, Vol. 5, p. 116, and *Proprietors' Records*, Vol. 6, p. 101.]

PROVINCE OF } PURSUANT to the Power and Authority Granted  
NEW HAMP<sup>s</sup> } and Vested In me by the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of Lands Purchased of John Tuffton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> In the Province of New Hampshire by thier Vote passed at thier Meeting held at Ports<sup>o</sup> In Said Province the 16<sup>th</sup> day June A D 1749—

I do by these presents on the Terms & Limitations hereafter Expressed Give & Grant all the Right Possesson and Property of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> Afores<sup>d</sup> unto Matthew Thornton Sampson Stoddard William Spaulding Joseph French Zacheriah Stearnes Peter Powers Robert Fletcher Jun<sup>r</sup> Eleaz<sup>r</sup> Blanchard Foster Wentworth Josiah Swan Isaac Rindge John Rindge Ezekiel Carpenter Benj<sup>m</sup> Bellows John Combs Stephen Powers Henry Wallis Samuel Kenney Ebenezer Gillson Jeremiah Norcross Isaiah Lewis Ezra Carpenter Enos Lawrance William Cumings Mark Hunkin Joseph Jackson Thomas Wibird Jeremiah Lawrence John Usher Nathan<sup>l</sup> Page Daved Page Sam<sup>l</sup> Farley Daniel Emerson Joseph Blanchard Jun<sup>r</sup> Thom<sup>s</sup> Parker Jun<sup>r</sup> Anthony

Wibird Francis Worster Jonathan Cumings David Willson Clement March Esq<sup>r</sup> of In or to that Tract of Land or Township Call North Menadnock or Nomber three Bounded as followeth Begining at Beach tree Being the North East Corner of middle Menadnock Township and Runs North Eighty Deg<sup>s</sup> West Seven miles to a hemlock tree Marked from thence Runing North by the Needle five miles to tree Marked from Thence Runing South Eighty Degrees East Seven miles to a Hemlock Tree Marked from thence Runing South by the Needle five miles to the first Bounds Mentioned

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD to them thier Heirs and Assignes Excepting as afores<sup>d</sup> & on the Following Terms & Conditions (that is to Say) that the whole Tract of Land be Devided Into Seventy one Equal Shares and that Each Share Contain three Lotts Equitable Coupled together and Drawn for at Dunstable at or Before the first day of July Next In some Equitable Manner

That three of the Afores<sup>d</sup> Shares be Granted & appropriated free of all Charge one for the first Setled minister in Said Town one for the Suport of the Ministry and one for the School there for ever & one Lott for Each Said three Shares to be First Lay'd out In the Most Conveniant place Near the Middle of Said Town and Lotts Coupled to them so as not to be Drawn for—

That Eighteen of the Said Shares be Reserved for the Grantors of the Premises their Heirs and Assignes for ever & Aquited from all Duty and Charge Untill Improved by the owners or Some Holding Under them Respectively that the Other Owners of the s<sup>d</sup> Rights make Settlem<sup>t</sup> at thier own Expence In the following maner viz<sup>t</sup> all the Lotts to be Lay'd out at the Grantees Expence that all the Lotts In Said Towship be Subjected to have all Necessary roads Lay<sup>d</sup> out threw them free from Charge as hereafter there Shall be Ocation That within four Yeares from the Date hereof Forty of the s<sup>d</sup> Rights or Shares belonging to the Aforementioned Grantees viz<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Spaulding Joseph French Zackeriah Stearnes Rob<sup>t</sup> Fletcher Jun<sup>r</sup> Josiah Swan John Rindge John Combs Stephen Powers Henry Walles Sam<sup>l</sup> Kenney Ebenezer Gillson Jere<sup>h</sup> Norcross Ezekiel Carpenter Ezra Carpenter Enos Lawrance Will Cumings Mark Hunkin Joseph Jackson Tho<sup>s</sup> Wibird Jere<sup>h</sup> Lawrence John Usher Nath<sup>l</sup> Page David Page Sam<sup>l</sup> Farley Dan<sup>l</sup> Emerson Anthony Wibird Frances Worster Jon<sup>s</sup> Cumings David Willson Isaiah Lewis Sampson Stoddard Benjamin Bellows Thomas Parker Jun<sup>r</sup> one Settlement Each. Peter Powers four Shares Matthew Thornton three Shares Be Entered upon and three acres of Land at the Least Clered & In Closed & Fited for mowing or Tillage and that with Six months then Next Cuming there be on Each of the S<sup>d</sup> forty Setleing Shares a House

built the Room Sixteen feet Square at the Least fitted and finished for Comfortable Dwelling therein and Some Person Resident therein and Continue Inhabitancy and Residence there for three Yeares then Next Cuming with the additional Improv<sup>d</sup> of two acres Each Year for each Setler

That Each of the Grantees at the Executing of this Instrum<sup>t</sup> pay twenty pounds old Ten<sup>r</sup> to Defrey the Necessary Charges Risen and Arising in s<sup>d</sup> Township to be Deposited In the hand of Such Person as the Grantees Shall Chuse Being a freeholder and Resident In the Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup>—

That a good Convenient Meeting house be Built In Said Township as Near the Cent<sup>r</sup> of the Town as may be with Convenience within Six Yeares from this Date and ten acres of Land Reserv<sup>d</sup> there for Public Use

That the Afores<sup>d</sup> Grantees or their Assignes by a Maj<sup>r</sup> Vote In Public Meetings Assess Such Further Sums of money as they Shall think Necessary for Compleating and Carrying forward the Settlem<sup>t</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> and any of the Grantees Exclusive of the three Publick Lotts who Shall Neglect for the Space of three months Next after Such Assessment Shall be Granted and Made to pay the Same so much of Such Delinq<sup>ts</sup> Right Respectively Shall or may be Sold as will pay the Tax and All Charges arising thereon by a Com<sup>ee</sup> of the Grantees Appointed for that purpose—

That all White Pine trees fit for masting his Majestys Royal Navy Growing on said Tract of Land be and hereby are Granted to his Majesty his Heirs and Successors for ever and In Case any of the Grantees Shall Neglect or Refuse to perform any of the articles afore mentioned he Shall forfeit his Share and Right In S<sup>d</sup> Township and Every Partt and Parcell thereof to those of the S<sup>d</sup> Grantees that Shall have Comply<sup>d</sup> with the Conditions on their part herein Expressed and It Shall & may be Lawful for any Person by their Authority to Enter Into and Upon the Right of Such Delinq<sup>t</sup> owner and every part thereof In the Name of the whole of the Setlers that shall have fullfill<sup>d</sup> as Afores<sup>d</sup> and him to amove Oust & Expell for their Use their Heirs and Assignes Provided they Settle or Cause to be Settled Each Such Delinq<sup>ts</sup> Right within the Term of one Year at the furthest from the Period that is by this Indenture Stipulated to be Done as the Condition of this Grant & fully Discharge & Comply with the whole Duty Such Delinq<sup>t</sup> ought to have Don within one Year from time to time after the Respective Periods thereof & In Case the Said Grantees fullfilling on their part as afores<sup>d</sup> Shall Neglect fullfilling as afores<sup>d</sup> the Duty of any Delinq<sup>t</sup> owner nor he him Self perform as afores<sup>d</sup> that then Such Share or Shares Shall be

forfited Revert and Belong to the Grantors their Heirs and Assignes to be Wholly at their Desposal allways Provided there be no Indian War within any of the terms and Limitations Afores<sup>d</sup> for Doing the Duty Conditioned in the Grant and In Case that Should Happen the Same time to be Allowed for the Respective Matters Afores<sup>d</sup> after Such Impedim<sup>t</sup> Shall be Removed

LASTLY the S<sup>d</sup> Grantors do Hereby promis to the Said Grantees their Heirs & Assignes to Defend through the Law to King and Council If Need be one Action that Shall or may be Brought against them or [torn] of them by any person or Persons Whatsoever Claiming the S<sup>d</sup> Lands or any Part thereof by any Other title than that of the Said Grantors or that by which they hold or Derive theres from Provided the S<sup>d</sup> Grantors are Avouch<sup>t</sup> in to Defend the Same and that In Case on Finial Tryal the Same Shall be Recovered Against the Grantors for the Said Lands Improvements or Expençe In Bringing forward the Settlem<sup>t</sup> the Grantees Shall recover Nothing over against the Said Grantors, and further that the Said Grantors Will pay the Necessary Expençe of time and Money that any Other Person or Persons Shall be put to by any Other Suit or Suites that Shall be Brought against them or any Number of them the Said Grantees for Tryal of the Title Before one Suit Shall be fully Determined In the Law IN WITNESS WHEREOF I the S<sup>d</sup> Joseph Blanchard of Dunstable have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this third Day of November A D. 1749

Joseph Blanchard { LS } —

A True Copy of the Grant of the North Menadnok Township  
Attst <sup>9</sup> Joseph Blanchard Jun<sup>r</sup> Prop<sup>r</sup> Clerk



[Proprietors' Names and Lots in Dublin, 1750.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 117.]

A List of the Prop <sup>rs</sup> of North Menadnack Township	Draught	N <sup>o</sup>	Range	N <sup>o</sup>	Range	N <sup>o</sup>	Range	
Matthew Thornton Esq <sup>r</sup>	1	10	1	9	1	16	1	
Sampson Stoddard Esq <sup>r</sup>	2	8	1	12	5	19	5	
William Spaulding	3	7	1	7	3	12	10	
Cap <sup>t</sup> Joseph French	4	2	1	13	6	15	10	
Joseph Blanchard Esq <sup>r</sup>	5	20	2	7	8	21	2	
Thomas Packer Esq <sup>r</sup>	6	19	2	9	7	11	10	
Joseah Brown	7	18	2	10	6	19	1	J B
Matthew Thornton Esq <sup>r</sup>	8	10	2	22	1	13	4	
Zacher <sup>b</sup> Starnes	9	2	2	11	6	10	10	
Peter Powers	10	12	3	2	5	15	8	
Rob <sup>t</sup> Fletcher Jun <sup>r</sup>	11	18	3	21	3	10	7	
Dan <sup>l</sup> Peirce & m <sup>rs</sup> mary moor	12	11	3	22	2	22	3	
Jotham Odiorn Esq <sup>r</sup>	13	10	3	22	6	1	10	
Clement March Esq <sup>r</sup>	14	4	3	16	10	3	10	
Eleaz <sup>r</sup> Blanchard	15	2	3	12	6	2	10	
Foster Wentworth	16	1	3	12	7	9	10	
Josiah Swan	17	16	4	8	9	8	10	
Isaac Rindge	18	9	4	22	10	21	10	
Joshua Peirce Esq <sup>r</sup>	19	8	4	4	9	5	9	
Mark H: <sup>s</sup> Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup>	20	4	4	3	8	6	10	
George Jaffrey	21	2	4	14	5	14	6	
Theodore Atkinson Esq <sup>r</sup>	22	1	4	20	3	19	3	
Sam <sup>l</sup> Solley and Cl <sup>l</sup> March Esq <sup>rs</sup>	23	20	5	21	5	9	6	
John Rindge	24	7	5	21	1	21	1	
Ezekiel Carpenter	25	5	5	13	1	12	1	E: C.
Benj <sup>a</sup> Bellows	26	4	5	3	6	5	10	
Peter Powers	27	1	5	12	4	7	9	
Peter Powers	28	8	6	16	2	17	2	
Stephen Powers	29	20	9	19	8	20	7	
John Combs	30	7	6	20	6	21	6	
Henry Wallis	31	1	6	8	5	19	6	
Sam <sup>l</sup> Kenney	32	18	7	5	2	6	2	
Benj <sup>a</sup> Bellows	33	7	7	6	9	4	10	
Ebenezer Gillson	34	22	8	21	9	11	4	
Jerem <sup>b</sup> Norcross	35	14	8	14	7	13	2	
Isaiah Lewis	36	13	8	13	7	17	4	I: L
Matthew Livermore	37	11	8	11	9	2	7	
Ezra Carpenter	38	10	8	1	9	1	7	
Enos Lawrence	39	22	9	21	8	13	5	
John Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup>	40	6	6	19	7	15	5	
Peter Powers	41	19	9	14	4	19	10	

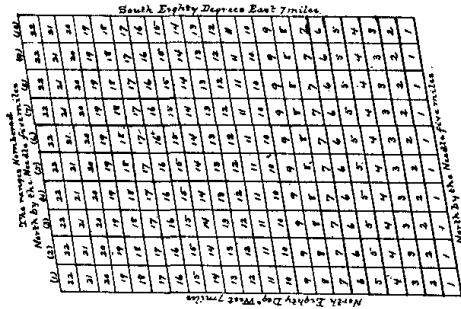
A List of the Prop <sup>rs</sup> of North Menadnock Township	Draught	N <sup>o</sup>	Range	N <sup>o</sup>	Range	N <sup>o</sup>	Range	
William Cumings	42	14	9	13	3	14	3	
Mark Hunkin	43	10	9	4	1	5	1	
Thomas Wallingsford Esq <sup>r</sup>	44	9	9	8	3	1	2	
Richard Wibird Esq <sup>r</sup>	45	2	9	3	10	3	7	
Minister Lotts	46	10	5	11	5	4	8	
School Lotts	47	10	4	22	4	8	8	
Joseph Jackson	48	17	7	20	4	9	3	
Thomas Wibird	49	7	4	21	4	18	5	
Ministry Lotts	50	6	4	22	5	13	9	
Jeremiah Lawrence	51	6	7	5	7	22	7	
John Usher	52	12	8	13	10	14	10	
Nathan <sup>l</sup> Page	53	5	4	17	8	18	8	
Nathan <sup>l</sup> Merserve Esq <sup>r</sup>	54	17	3	16	3	20	10	
John Moffat	55	11	2	15	3	6	1	
David Page	56	5	3	1	8	2	8	
William Parker Esq <sup>r</sup>	57	8	2	7	2	18	4	
Matthew Thornton Esq <sup>r</sup>	58	9	2	11	1	21	7	
Sam <sup>l</sup> Farley	59	6	8	5	8	15	9	
Daniel Emerson	60	16	7	3	3	18	6	
Joseph Blanchard Jun <sup>r</sup>	61	5	6	4	7	12	9	
Tho <sup>s</sup> Parker Jun <sup>r</sup>	62	6	3	16	6	17	6	
Peter Powers	63	16	8	17	9	17	10	
Anthony Wibird	64	3	5	4	6	20	8	
Francis Worster	65	18	9	16	5	15	4	
John T. : : Mason & Jn <sup>o</sup> Thomlinson Esq <sup>r</sup>	66	11	7	17	5	12	2	
Peter Powers	67	16	9	18	10	15	7	
Jonathan Cumings	68	6	5	15	6	19	4	
Eleaz <sup>r</sup> Blanchard	69	3	2	3	4	8	7	
John Rindge	70	1	1	4	2	3	9	a Sitting
David Willson	71	2	6	9	5	7	10	Right

The Above is a Copy of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of the North Menadnock Township with the N<sup>o</sup> of the Lotts &<sup>o</sup> by them drawn y<sup>e</sup> first tuesday of June 1750

Atest 

Joseph Blanchard J<sup>r</sup> Pro Clerk

[Plan of Dublin, 1750.]



This is a plan of the North Manadnock N<sup>o</sup> 3 Township y<sup>e</sup> ranges are 160 rods wide and the Lotts are one Hundred rods Wide, and finished Laying out the Lotts In may—1750

Joseph Blanchard Surv<sup>r</sup>  
a Ccopy Taken from the files of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of the Above Township

Jos<sup>o</sup> Blanchard Jr Prop<sup>o</sup> Clerk

[Theodore Atkinson's Agreement.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 118.]

Dublin, or North Manadnock number three 19 in the third Range, Set to the Hon<sup>l</sup> Col. Theodore Atkinson's Right & to a Right of Peter Power's, one of the two Should be twelve in the third Range & his Honour has Consented that 12 in 3 Range Shall Be Set to power's Right

S<sup>r</sup> To Rectify the Mistake mentioned on the Other Side I hereby relinquish all Pretensions of Property to the N<sup>o</sup> (12) in the 3<sup>d</sup> Range & that M<sup>r</sup> Peter Powers Name be entered there & that N<sup>o</sup> (19) in the 3<sup>d</sup> Should be & remain to Me this I think will Set all right when thus added in the Plan—

Yours Theodore Atkinson

[*Vote of Acceptance by Grantees of Dublin, 1752.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 119.]

Whereas Joseph Blanchard Esq<sup>r</sup> for and the Name and Behalf of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of the Lands in the Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Purchased by them of John Tuffton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> Who sold to them under the Title made to them by a Com'on Reccovery did on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of Nove<sup>r</sup> 1749 Grant the Contents of twenty two Thousand Two Hundred Acres part of S<sup>d</sup> Lands, Bounded as Followeth Beginning at the North East Corner of Middle Manadnock Township or N<sup>o</sup> 2 & Runs North 80 Deg<sup>s</sup> West Seven miles to a Hemlock tree Marked thence runing North by the Needle five miles to a Tree Marked thence runing South Eig<sup>h</sup> Deg<sup>s</sup> East Seven miles to a hemlock tree Marked thence runing South by the Needle five miles to the first Bounds Mentioned, Under Certain Conditions Limitations & Reservations in S<sup>d</sup> Grant Mentioned as by S<sup>d</sup> Grant Reference thereto had will Fully Appear, unto Math<sup>w</sup> Thornton Samp<sup>n</sup> Stoddard W<sup>m</sup> Spaulding Jo<sup>s</sup> French Zach<sup>r</sup> Starnes Peter Powers Rob<sup>t</sup> Fletcher Jun<sup>r</sup> Eleaz<sup>r</sup> Blanchard Foster Wentworth Jos<sup>s</sup> Swan Isaac Rindge Jn<sup>o</sup> Rindge Ezek<sup>l</sup> Carpenter Benj<sup>a</sup> Bellows Jn<sup>o</sup> Combs Steph<sup>n</sup> Powers Henry Walles Sam<sup>l</sup> Kenny Ebenez<sup>r</sup> Gillson Jere<sup>b</sup> Norcross Isaiah Lewis Ezra Carpenter Enos Lawrence W<sup>m</sup> Cumings Mark Hunkin Jos: Jackson Tho<sup>s</sup> Wibird Jere<sup>b</sup> Lawrence Jn<sup>o</sup> Usher Nath<sup>l</sup> Page David Page Anthoney Wibird Sam<sup>l</sup> Farley Daniel Emerson Jos: Blanchard Jun<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Parker J<sup>r</sup> Francis Worster Jon<sup>a</sup> Cumings David Willson & Clem<sup>t</sup> March—Therefore Unanimously Voted that we do hereby Accept S<sup>d</sup> Title and for our Selves Our Heirs & Assignes acknowledge that we Do hold Said Lands Under said Title Conditions & Limitations with the Resorvations therein mentioned

Extract from the Votes of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> Grantees of the Township Called North Manadnock or N<sup>o</sup> 3 passed at their meeting the fourth Day of Aug<sup>t</sup>—1752

Copy Exam<sup>d</sup> ☞

Joseph Blanchard J<sup>r</sup> Prop<sup>s</sup> Ck

[*Thomas Morse's Bill and Letter, 1782.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 120.]

Dublin August 25: 1782

worthy Sir / if you remember a number of Years ago you wrote me a Letter and in the Letter you Desir'd me To bring you an Exact account of those Deliquents that had not Done their Duty in Masons

Pattern and in Dublin in Pecular—for which Service you Promis'd me Ample reward—and I have not as yet receivd any thing for my Service—but I Should take it very kind in you Sir if You would try to git it for me—from your most obedient & humble servant

Thomas Morse

To George Jeffrey Esq<sup>r</sup> at Portsmouth  
P: S: the accompt is <sup>£</sup>4: 10

1774 The Proprietors of Masons Patent

To Thomas Morse. D<sup>r</sup>

To my time & Expences & a Journey to  
Portsmouth from Dublin by their order }  
to return the number of Lots & the duty } £ 4.. 10  
done on each right omitted charging in }  
Season — —

Errors excepted

Thomas Morse

[Settlers and Improvements in Dublin.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 121.]

Names of y <sup>e</sup> grantees of Monad- nock N <sup>o</sup> 3 that ware obliged to Settle agreabel to Charter	Names of those Settled for y <sup>e</sup> s <sup>d</sup> Rites	acars Cleared
W <sup>m</sup> Spalding	Sam <sup>l</sup> Twitchel	14
Joseph French	Isaac Bond	10
Zachariah Stearnes	Ivery Perry	12
Robert Fletcher j <sup>r</sup>	Edward west Perry	20
Josiah Swan	Levi Partridge	15
John Ringe	John Morrison	9
John Combs	Asa Norcros	15
Stephen Powers	W <sup>m</sup> Beal	10
Henry Wallis	Joseph Adams	12
Sam <sup>l</sup> Kenney	Benj <sup>s</sup> Learned	9
Ebenezer Gillson	Daniel Greenwood	10
Jere <sup>b</sup> Norcros	Daniel Morse	12
Ezekiel Carpenter	Siles Stone	15
Ezra Carpenter	Ezra Twitchel	1
Enos Lawrance	Eli Morse	18
W <sup>m</sup> Commings	Benj <sup>s</sup> Mason	18
Mark Hunkin	David Morse	9
Joseph Jackson	Joseph Twitchel j <sup>r</sup>	12
Thomas Wibord	Sam <sup>l</sup> Eams j <sup>s</sup>	10

Jeremiah Lawrence	Benonj <sup>a</sup> Death	9
John Usher	Ruben morse	16
Nath <sup>l</sup> Page	John wight	11
David Page		
Sam <sup>l</sup> Farley	Simeon Johnson	9
Daniel Emerson	Henry Strongman	18
Anthony Wibird	Eben <sup>r</sup> Twitchel	12
Francis worster	Thomas Morse	20
Jon <sup>a</sup> Cummings	Micah Morse	13
David willson	Joshua Lealand	10
Isaiah Lewis	Thadias mason	10
Samson Stoddard	Betholimi Goyer	9
Benj <sup>a</sup> Bellos		
Thomas Parker jr one each	Caleb Greenwood	14
Petter Powers 4 Settlers w <sup>m</sup> greenwood	Moses Adams Robert	
muzzy John Muzzy Martha Thornton 3 Settlers	Moses Mason Joel	
wight Sam <sup>l</sup> Eams		
W <sup>m</sup> Greenwood—	20 moses Mason—	14
moses Adams—	40 Joel wight—	12
Robart muzzy—	10 Sam <sup>l</sup> Eams—	9
John Muzzy—	12	

## DUMMER.

[Granted March 8, 1773, to Mark Hunking Wentworth and others. Incorporated Dec. 19, 1848. A part of Stark was annexed July 1, 1868.

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; Index to Laws, 157; sketch, by John B. Lovejoy, Fergusson's History of Coös County, 1888, p. 854; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 610.]

[*Minutes of Transactions in Dummer, 1832-3.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 122.]

Land belonging to Family in Dummer Jan'y 1832.

M H. Wentworth—	N <sup>o</sup> 135	} & $\frac{1}{2}$ 286
Bot of Jn <sup>o</sup> Wentworth	157	
	180	

Daniel Peirce—	247	} & $\frac{1}{2}$ 215
Jn <sup>o</sup> Peirce Thomas & Ann Martin	136	
conveyed this to Joseph Peirce 23 <sup>d</sup> Jan- uary 1779	17	



David Call———		70	} & $\frac{1}{2}$ 215 sold
		262	
		183	
Asa Porter—		203	} & $\frac{1}{2}$ 145
Bot of Asa Porter		231	
		92	
Joshua Bayley———		282	} & $\frac{1}{2}$ 286 sold
Bot of Asa Porter		158	
		57	
And <sup>w</sup> S. Crocker———		232	} & $\frac{1}{2}$ 226
		77	
		137	
And <sup>w</sup> Smith———	sold	12	} & Each $\frac{1}{2}$ of 227
Bot of And <sup>w</sup> Smith		46	
S. Folsom———		53	
Exchanged with N A & J Haven			
Joseph Peirce———		80	} & $\frac{1}{2}$ 226
		82	
		37	
Rich <sup>d</sup> Sherman———		176	} & $\frac{1}{2}$ 145
Thos & Ann Martin & Jo <sup>s</sup> Peirce conveyed to John Peirce 25 Jan <sup>y</sup> 1779		280	
M <sup>r</sup> Fishers Rightes in Dummer		178	
Stephen Sumner 3, 25, 93, 199, & $\frac{1}{2}$ N <sup>o</sup> 120			
Francis Little 3, 140, 172, 240 & $\frac{1}{2}$ 261			
John Fisher sold Ge <sup>o</sup> Cook & not p <sup>d</sup> for 47. 114. 118. & $\frac{1}{2}$ -261			
John Wall 74, 211, 263 & $\frac{1}{2}$ N <sup>o</sup> 120			
John Payn 58, 103, 85 & $\frac{1}{2}$ 119			
Oc. 26, 1827 Sold M <sup>r</sup> Fishers Lot N <sup>o</sup> 199 Dummer to Asa Kimball for \$200—he paid his 1 <sup>st</sup> Note Viz—			
	March 26, 1829—	50.—	
	balance Jan <sup>y</sup> 5, 1831—	65.33	

Rec<sup>d</sup> & credited M<sup>r</sup> Fisher \$115.33

the other note given up to him; he claiming to give it up by Right; though he had no right: so that M<sup>r</sup> Fisher now owns the lot, a bond for deed only having been given which Bond he surrendered





their heirs & assigns good & Sufficient deeds of the said Rights and Lots in Said Dummer—to the faithful performance of which agreement I do hereby bind myself my heirs & Executors & administrators to said Bailey & Pierce their heirs and assigns in the Sum of Three Thousand Dollars sealed with my Seal at the date before written

The Rights & Lots before mentioned are as follows—No<sup>s</sup> 135. 157. 180 in right of M. H Wentworth 247. 186. 17 in right of Daniel Peirce 70. 262. 183 in Right of Daniel Call. 203. 231 92 &  $\frac{1}{2}$  145 right of Asa Porter 282. 158. 57 Right of Joshua Bayley 232. 77. 137 and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 226 right of And<sup>w</sup> S. Crocker 46  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 227 right of And<sup>w</sup> Smith 53 right of S. Folsom 80. 82. 37 &  $\frac{1}{2}$  226 Right of Joseph Peirce. 176 280. 178 &  $\frac{1}{2}$  145 Right of Rich<sup>d</sup> Shearman 25 93. 199 &  $\frac{1}{2}$  120 Right of Stephen Sumner 140 172. 240. &  $\frac{1}{2}$  261 right of Francis Little 47. 114. 118. &  $\frac{1}{2}$  261 Right of John Fisher 74. 211. 263. &  $\frac{1}{2}$  120 right of John Wall 58. 108. 85. &  $\frac{1}{2}$  119 Right of John Payn each lot containing One Hundred Acres more or less except Lots 282 & 280 each of which contain One Hundred & Twelve & a half Acres more or less & each of said Rights having Thirty Acres and Four Ninths of an Acre more or less of Common & undivided land excepting that of S. Folsom the common & undivided land appertenant to which is not included in this bond

witness  
Alex<sup>r</sup> Haven

M W. Peirce

Seal

[*Insertion in Deed to Bailey and Pierce, 1835.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 125.*]

The Deeds we are to Receive from M W Peirce for certain Lots of Land in Dummer according to His Bond to us, are to contain the following clause viz "It being understood that in Case of any failure of title to any part or parcel of the premises hereby intended to be conveyed the grantor shall not be holden or liable to pay any farther Sum or damages beyond the sum now paid for such part or portion with interest and costs of suit to be paid to the Grantees their heirs or assigns so soon as they shall be legally dispossessed thereof" the said deeds to be warrantees against all person claiming under the grantors or the Original proprietars or any title under any Vendue Sale

July 23. 1835

W<sup>m</sup> Bailey  
George Pierce

[Dummer Lands Sold to Pierce and Bailey.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 126.]

Schedule of Land in Dummer in the County of Coos &amp; State of New Hampshire bargained to George Pierce &amp; Joshua Bayley

Orig. Proprietors	N <sup>o</sup> Lot	N <sup>o</sup> Acres	Amot.
M H. Wentworth	135	100	
	157	100	
	180	100	
sold— $\frac{1}{2}$	286	—	
	Common	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Daniel Peirce	247	100	330 $\frac{1}{2}$
	136	100	
	17	100	
sold $\frac{1}{2}$	215	—	
	Common	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Daniel Call	70	100	330 $\frac{1}{2}$
	262	100	
	183	100	
sold $\frac{1}{2}$	215	—	
	Common	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Asa Porter	203	100	330 $\frac{1}{2}$
	231	100	
	92	100	
$\frac{1}{2}$	145	50	
	Common	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Joshua Bayley	282	112 $\frac{1}{2}$	380 $\frac{1}{2}$
	158	100	
	57	100	
sold $\frac{1}{2}$	286	—	
	Common	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	
And <sup>w</sup> S. Crocker	232	100	343
	77	100	
	137	100	
$\frac{1}{2}$	226	50	
	Common	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	

Orig. Proprietors.		N° Lot	N° Acres	Amot.
Andw. Smith	sold	12	—	180 $\frac{1}{2}$
		46	100	
		227	50	
		Common	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	
S. Folsom		53	100	100
Joseph Peirce		80	100	380 $\frac{1}{2}$
		82	100	
		37	100	
		226	50	
		Common	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Rich <sup>d</sup> Shearman		176	100	393
		280	112 $\frac{1}{2}$	
		178	100	
		145	50	
		Common	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Stephen Sumner		25	100	380 $\frac{1}{2}$
		93	100	
		199	100	
		120	50X	
		Common	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Francis Little		140	100	380 $\frac{1}{2}$
		172	100	
		240	100	
		261	50X	
		Common	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	
John Fisher		47	100	380 $\frac{1}{2}$
		114	100	
		118	100	
		261	50X	
		Common	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	
John Wall		74	100	380 $\frac{1}{2}$
		211	100	
		263	100	
		120	50X	
		Common	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	

CHARTER RECORDS.

Orig. Proprietors	N° Lot	N° Acres	Amot.
John Payn	58	100	
	108	100	
	85	100	
	119	50	
	Common	30½	
			380½
Total Acres 505½			

John Fisher ——— Acres  
1902½ @ 1.50 ——— \$2853.33

Cash ——— 713.34  
1 Year ——— 713.33  
2 Years ——— 713.33  
3 years ——— 713.33

\$2853.33

M W Peirce & others 3149½ @ 150 ———

4723.67

Cash ——— 1180.94  
1 year ——— 1180.91  
2 years ——— 1180.91  
3 years ——— 1180.91

\$4723.67

Total Acres  
505½ @ 150 ———

7577.——

Jn° Fisher ——— 2853.33  
M W Peirce & others — 4723.67

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## DUNBARTON.

[Granted by Massachusetts, June 19, 1735, to Capt. John Gorham's men and called *Gorham-town*. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, Dec. 18, 1748, to Archibald Stark and others, and called *Stark's-town*. Re-granted March 2, 1752. Incorporated as Dunbarton Aug. 10, 1765, and named from a town in Scotland. A portion of Dunbarton was included in the limits of Hooksett, incorporated July 2, 1822. The line between Dunbarton and Goffstown was established Jan. 7, 1853, and the line between Dunbarton and Weare, July 2, 1853.]

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 189; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 558; Index to Laws, 157; Early History, addresses by Amos Hadley, 1845, pp. 27; History, by Caleb Stark, 1860, pp. 272; Centennial Celebration, 1865, pub. 1866, pp. 124; Dunbarton, Past and Present, by J. B. Connor, 4, Granite Monthly, 38; sketch, by W. H. Stinson, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 291; sketch-12, Farmer's Monthly Visitor, 101; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 20; Memoir of John Stark, by Caleb Stark, 1860; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 376; Historical Sketch of Congregational Church, by J. M. Putnam, 1845, pp. 16; The Stark Place, by F. M. Colby, 5, Granite Monthly, 80.]

## [Petition for Grant of Dunbarton.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 128.]

Province of } To the Proprietors of the Right of Land within  
New Hampshire } y<sup>e</sup> Province of New Hampshire Purchased by  
them of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup>—

The Petitioners Shew that they being Satisfyed of your Right to the lands aforesaid & willing to hold part thereof under you Pray that you would grant to them the Tract of Land consisting of Six miles Square for a Township joining upon a Tract of Land lately voted to Cap<sup>t</sup> John Goffe & others and your Petitioners will pray &c<sup>a</sup>—

Dav : Mac Gregore	Archibald Stark	William Stark
John Stark	Archibald Stark jun <sup>r</sup>	Thomas Hall
	the above of Amas Ceeg	
Samuell Renkin	William Stinson	James MacGregore
James Cochran	John Stinson	David Stinson
John Cochran	William Gault	John MacDuffee
Alexander Galt	Samuel Stinson	Daniel Leslie
Hugh Ramsey	Matthew thorn-ton	Daved Crange
John Caree	James Ramesy	Joseph Cochran
Willam : Moore	Hugh DunShee	Sam <sup>n</sup> Fulton
Samuell Caldwell	Joseph Scoby	William Ranken
Archball Coningham	James Ramsey	Mathew Ramesy
John Horrner	Hugh Jemeson	Daniel Maccurdy

James Rodgers	Samuel Tood Chester—	James Adams
Esquire Samuel Emerson	John Hall	William Ellet
John Cochran	James Varnum Haverhill District	George Massey
Matthew Morton	John Morton	Thomas folenesbe Juner
Jeremiah Page	Caleb Page Juner Kingstown	Samuel Richards
John Hogg	Samuel Hogg Lichfeild	
William Carr	Adam Dicky	Joseph Blanchard
George Clark	Jn <sup>o</sup> Quige	Jn <sup>o</sup> M <sup>c</sup> Callaster

[*Power to Survey and Lay Out Dunbarton, 1748.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 129.*]

To Archibald Stark Samuel Rankin Hugh Ramsey & Thomas Hall  
Gentlemen You are hereby Authorized and Impowred to take a  
Survey & make a plan of So much Land within the Province of New  
Hampshire & without the bounds of any Town in said Province &  
next to Chester as is Equal to Six Miles Square Exclusive of Ponds  
& Lay it out in Such a manner as to make the North line of that  
place calld Souhegan East the South Boundary of the Said Six Miles  
Square at least So far as the Said Souhegan goes Joining to the River  
Merrimack & so Running back in the most Convenient form Respect-  
ing the said Six Miles & what we may have Occasion to Lay out  
hereafter & Mark the boundaries of the Land you Shall so Lay out  
& make any Improvement within the said Tract & Return a plan of  
the said Land you Shall so Lay out to us as Soon as may be for  
which you shall have a Reasonable & proportionable part Granted to  
you by us Agreeable to Such proposals of Settlem<sup>t</sup> as we have now  
Discoursed with you but if upon view & Conference with Cap<sup>t</sup> John  
Goffe you find it most Conven<sup>t</sup> to Lay the said Tract farther North-  
ward So as not to Join to the Said Souhegan you have Liberty So to  
Do & you are to make Choice of a proper Surveyor for the purpose  
according to your Discretion & to be at the Charge of the Said Sur-  
vey & plan We Recommend Sam<sup>t</sup> Emerson Esq<sup>r</sup> as a suitable Person  
to Employ as a surveyor Portsm<sup>o</sup> Octob<sup>r</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1748

This is a Copy of the power given to us by the Committee

Archibald Stark  
Samuel Renkin  
Hugh Ramsey  
Thomas Hall

[*Masonian Proprietors to Proprietors of Dunbarton, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 130.]

Portsmouth October 12<sup>th</sup> 1748

Gentlemen

In our Power and directions to you of the 8<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> we ordered that you should conferr with Cap<sup>t</sup> John Goffe before you proceeded to lay out or Survey the lands you proposed, the reason of w<sup>ch</sup> is, that there might be no difference by interfering one with another, now we are informed that is not done so as to answer the end designed; he was the first we engaged to Serve with his associates; you must not therefore interrupt or molest them; but as you are the Second in order we agree you should take next & if you and he can agree to take a plan together of so much as will make two townships we should think it would be the best way & return to us as we directed, & you may make a distinction in the plan where you think y<sup>e</sup> Division might be—however we would not have you understand us as designing to take away any of your particular Settlements & Improvements in either of such Townships; we would contrive to accomodate you therein—upon the whole we would have no Supplanting or undermining one another but would have all that hold under us unite to carry on the common Cause, the good of the whole and not differ with one another—if you can't so agree to join in the plan for the whole, you must take the Second place & begin where his end's—we must insist that you also join with him in taking a general plan of the lands & rivers beginning at Souhegan East so called at the northwest Corner & running upon the east Side of new Boston & Hales Town so call'd thence East to the line of Bow & following that line to Merrimack and thence by merrimack to Souhegan north East Corner—your Compliance with the premisses will engage us to be more effectually your Friends &c

Theodore Atkinson  
Mark H<sup>s</sup> Wentworth  
John Moffatt  
Josh<sup>a</sup> Peirce

R Wibird  
J. Odiorne  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Moore  
Geo: Jaffrey Jun<sup>r</sup>

Committee

Post. S as Cap<sup>t</sup> Todd has made some proposals (by another) we would have you invite him to join with you in the premisses—

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Archibald Stark Sam<sup>l</sup> Rankin Hugh Ramsey & Thomas Hall

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☞ Geo: Jaffrey jun<sup>r</sup>

The Original was forwarded as Inscribed  
13: 1748

☞ Cap<sup>t</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Goofe Oct<sup>r</sup>  
☞ Geo: Jaffrey jun<sup>r</sup>



[*John MacMurphy in Behalf of Rogers and Putney, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 132.]

Portsmouth October 26<sup>th</sup> 1748

To the Gentlemen Purchasers of Masons Right in Lands in the Province of New Hampshire—

John Macmurphy Esqu<sup>r</sup> in behalfe of James Rogers now Resid<sup>t</sup> in Bow, & Joseph Pudney now Resid<sup>t</sup> in Pennicook do Petition your favour Namely That whereas the said James Rogers and Six Sons, Daniel Samuel James Robert Richard John and the said Joseph & Six Sons, John Joseph William Henry Asa Obediah had purchased a parcel of land on y<sup>e</sup> westerly Side of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Bow lying within y<sup>e</sup> Bounds of Gorham Town, So called, of that part called Lovels farm, q<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Quantity of ab<sup>t</sup> two thousand one hundred and Ninety Acres, and that we have improved jointly ab<sup>t</sup> ninety eight Acres of meadow, & ab<sup>t</sup> one hundred Acres of Upland & had two dwelling houses & two Barns & two Orchards—and that the Houses were built ab<sup>t</sup> nine Years past—and that in April last y<sup>e</sup> Indians burn<sup>t</sup> and destroyed y<sup>e</sup> Said Houses And Barns & cut down y<sup>e</sup> Orchards and kill'd a Heifer and a Steer belonging to Said James Rogers—wherefore we pray that when you dispose of tract of land which contains the aforesaid purchase (of which we refer to our Deeds of Conveyance from Zacheus Lovel) we may be included as fourteen of the persons you dispose of to, and that we may have y<sup>e</sup> Said two thousand one hundred & ninety Acres, together, equally to be divided between y<sup>e</sup> Said fourteen Petitioners upon y<sup>e</sup> Terms and Conditions as y<sup>e</sup> adjacent lands is to be dispossd of by you, and the said Petitioners desire no more in y<sup>e</sup> Township Or Townships when laid out, as proprietors, than y<sup>e</sup> said two thousand one hundred & ninety Acres, your Consideration and favour hereof, will very much Oblige your Petitioners—

Joseph <sup>his</sup> X Pudney  
mark

John Macmurphy  
in Behalf of the Petitioners

[*Petition of Andrew Todd and others, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 132.]

Port<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>br</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1748.

To the Gentlemen Purchasers & Proprietors of Cap<sup>t</sup> John Tuffton Mason Right to the Lands in the Province of New Hampshire. &c  
We the Subscriber by a Licence from his Excelency to Improve &

Fence a Peace of Land upon the westerly Side of Merrimack River Below Bow line: Have by virtue of said Licence fence'd and Improv'd about Sixty acres of land by Planting & Sowing for the Space of Six years last past, in which time we have Enjoy'd our Improvements without Molestation or Disturbanc from any person in this Government.—

Wherefore we wo'd Humbly pray that your Hon<sup>rs</sup> wo'd please to Grant us the afores<sup>d</sup> Improvements with a Proper peace of Land adjoining thereto for fencing Stuff &c. by our Selves, or otherwise as you in your Great Wisdom Shall Seem meet. your Compliance to this our Request wo'd Exceedingly oblige Gentlemen your Hon<sup>rs</sup> most obedient and most Humble Serv<sup>ts</sup> to Command.

Alexander A <sup>his</sup> mack Corlens	Andrew Todd
Barber <sup>mark</sup> Leslie	John Espie
Robert Dickey	James Leslie
Daniel Dicky	James Moore

the Land is within Gorham

N B. Nathan Simon's Say's that the within Sixty Acres is almost clear'd except y<sup>e</sup> Hills and that the Within Petitioners clear'd ab<sup>t</sup> 25 Acres of y<sup>e</sup> within 60 and Sow'd & planted y<sup>e</sup> same, and that y<sup>e</sup> Said Simons clear'd about 5 Acres of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> 25 before y<sup>e</sup> Petitioners aforesaid

Dec<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1748

At a Meeting agreed that Nathan Simons have his Improvement Secured to him

Todds 50 Acres to be 75 he to have Aspies Right

260 for all y<sup>e</sup> Eight then to run back Westerly from y<sup>e</sup> River to make it up begining Martins brook & So runing

[*Petition of Edward White, 1748.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 181.*]

I the subscriber having purchased a tract of Land of W<sup>m</sup> Dudley Esq<sup>r</sup> deceas'd, lying in Gorhams town, so called, on which I have Settled a tenant, & been at great Expence in Improving the same with a design to live on it myself, w<sup>ch</sup> s<sup>d</sup> tract falls within Masons Claim, do petition that y<sup>e</sup> Purchasers of Masons Right would Quit-claim s<sup>d</sup> tract of Land to me, my Heirs & Assigns

Portsmouth Nov<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1748

Edward White

[*Petition of Thomas Colburn, Nov. 16, 1748.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 133.*]

To the Gentlemen Proprietors & Purchasers of Cap<sup>t</sup> John Tufton Mason Esqu<sup>r</sup> his Right in Lands in y<sup>e</sup> Province of New Hampshire—

I the Subscriber humbly Shew, that I was an original grantee of a Tract of Land called Lovels Farm and is included in a Township called Gorham's Town, and as said farm consist's of twenty four hundred Acres, & granted to Six proprietors one of whose Rights I purchased for ninety five pounds before y<sup>e</sup> Dividing line was run between y<sup>e</sup> Mass<sup>a</sup> & New Hampshire—and as I am inform'd Mess<sup>rs</sup> Rogers & Pudney have petitioned of you for themselves and their twelve Sons for y<sup>e</sup> greatest part of said farm representing it as their improvem<sup>t</sup> from one of them I have a prmissory note for his improvement of my part of a Meadow in said farm bearing date June 21<sup>st</sup> 1739 which I have improved for 14 or 15 years—wherefore I humbly pray you will when you grant or dispose of said Tract of land called Gorham's Town you would Suffer me to have two Rights or Shares & that my Improvement and purchase may be therein included as laid out in said Farm upon Such Terms and Conditions as you shall think meet and you will oblige

Your most Hum: Serv<sup>t</sup>

Thomas Colburn

[*Petition of Benjamin Gould and Jonathan Parkhurst, 1748.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 134.*]

Province of } Portsmouth Nov<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1748—  
New Hampsh<sup>t</sup> } To the Honb<sup>ls</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esqu<sup>r</sup> and the  
other Purchasers & Proprietors of Cap<sup>t</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Tufton Mason's Right in  
Lands in New Hampshire

As your Honours have the Right of that part of y<sup>e</sup> Land in New Hampshire called Lovels Farm joining to or Lying within Gorham's Town so called, and as I the Subscriber in 1734 purchased ab<sup>t</sup> 300 Acres in Said Lovels Farm and fenced & improved y<sup>e</sup> meadow in Said purchase and am inform'd one Pudney & one Rogers have requested a grant thereof from your Honours I desire & request that when you grant or dispose of that Said Farm you would continue my purchase to me upon Such Terms & Conditions as you grant to others hoping you will consider my Expence of purchasing & improvement therein—And as Jonathan Parkhurst was coming

with me to Apply to your Honours in his own behalfe as a Petitioner for ab<sup>t</sup> 300 Acres of land in Said Lovel's Farm which he purchased And improved in y<sup>e</sup> Same manner as I have I Do at his Desire & Request petition for him in the Same manner and upon y<sup>e</sup> Same terms as I do for my Selfe praying your Consideration & favour therein, for y<sup>e</sup> Said Parkhurst, who is prevented Attending by Sick-ness, and for my Selfe, w<sup>ch</sup> will ever oblige us, for whom I Subscribe  
Your Petitioner & Hum: serv<sup>t</sup>

Benjamin Gould

[*Charter of Dunbarton, 1748.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Dec. 17, 1748.]

Province of New } Portsmouth December 17<sup>th</sup> A D 1748 at the  
Hampshire } Dwelling House of Sarah Prust Widow on Satur-  
day ten of y<sup>e</sup> Clock before noon

The Proprietors meet According to Adjournment

Voted, That there be and hereby is Granted unto Archibald Stark William Stark John Stark Archibald Stark jun<sup>r</sup> Thomas Hall all of a place called Amaskege in the Province of New Hampshire, The Rev<sup>d</sup> David Mac Gregore Samuel Rankin William Rankin Hugh Ramsey John Ramsey Matthew Ramsey Matthew Thornton David Craig Joseph Cochran John Stenson Hugh Dunshe Samuel Fulton Samuel Caldwell Joseph Scoby Samuel Stenson Daniel Lesly William Stenson James M<sup>c</sup>Gregore James Cockran David Stenson John Cochran (commonly called Doctor) William Gault John M<sup>c</sup>Duffie Alexander Gault Archibald Cunningham John Horner Hugh Jamison John Carr Daniel M<sup>c</sup>Curdy Alexander Todd James Rogers Samuel Todd James Adams Adam Dicky George Clarke John McCalester John Quigg all of Londonderry in said Province Samuel Emerson Esq<sup>r</sup> John Hall William Elliot John Cochran James Varnum all of Chester in said Province Matthew Morton George Massey John Morton all of Portsmouth in said Province Thomas Follinsby Jun<sup>r</sup> Jeremiah Page Caleb Page Jun<sup>r</sup> Samuel Richards all of Haverhill District in said Province John Hogg Samuel Hogg both of Kingston in s<sup>d</sup> Province Joseph Blanchard William Carr both of Litchfield in said Province Nathan Simons of Haverhill & his Eldest Son, Thomas Coburn of Nottingham West Joseph Pudney of Pennicoke So Called James Rogers of Bow in said Province their Heirs & Assigns in Equal Shares and Benjamin Gold & John Parkhurst both of Chelmsford both one Such Share Equally & the Eldest Sons of the said Joseph

Pudney & James Rogers both one Such Share Equally to them their Heirs & Assigns, Excepting as hereafter Excepted on the terms Conditions and Limitations herein after Expressed, all that Tract or parcel of Land within the Province of New Hampshire Containing about five Miles Square more or Less Bounded as follows, viz Beginning at the Main River on the Northerly Side of a Tract of Land lately Granted by said Proprietors to Thomas Parker & others and runing Westward as far as that Tract of Land runs Joining on the Same, then running North two Degrees West five Miles & one hundred & Eighty rods, then North Seventy Nine Degrees East till it Comes to a place Called Rumford then runing South Seventeen Degrees East three hundred & forty Rods then East till it Comes to the Township of Bow, then by that till it Comes to said River and then by that till it Comes to the place where begins.—

To have and To hold to them their Heirs and Assigns as aforesaid Excepting as aforesaid on the following terms Conditions & Limitations, That is to Say, That the whole Tract of Land within said Bounds (Saving the Particular Tracts herein after mentioned) be Divided into Eighty five Shares or Rights & Each Share or Right be Laid out into two Distinct Lots & number'd with the same Number on Each of said Lots, That the Numbers begin with One & End with Eighty five. That one of the said Shares be for the Use of the first Minister of Gospel who shall be Settled on the said Tract of Land hereby Granted, & Shall remain there during his Life or until he shall be Regularly Dismist to hold to him his Heirs & Assigns. And one other of said Shares be for & towards the Support of the Gospel Ministry there for Ever. That one of the Lots belonging to Each Share shall Contain One hundred Acres and the other all belonging to Each Respective Share. That the hundred Acre Lot belonging to the Share for the first Minister of the Gospel, and the hundred Acre Lot belonging to the Share for the Support of the Ministry as aforesaid be Laid out as near the place where the Meeting house shall be set as may conveniently be done, but that all the other Lots be drawn for according to the Common Method of Drawing for Lots of Land in Such Cases only not till the whole Shall be Laid out So that there Shall be but one Draft for both the Lots belonging to one Share. That one of said Shares be for & towards the Support of a School there for Ever. And Seventeen of said Shares be Reserved for the Use of the Proprietors the Grantors of the said Premises their Heirs & Assigns for Ever. That the said Seventeen Shares so reserved be Exonerated Acquitted & fully Exempted from paying any Charge towards making a Settlement there & not held to the Conditions of the other Shares respecting the Settlement nor Liable

to any Tax Assessment or Charge until Improved by the Owners or same Person holding under them Respectively. That the Owners of the other Sixty five Shares (with the Assistance of the other Tracts herein after mentioned) Shall make a Settlement on the said Granted premises at their own Expence in the follow<sup>d</sup> manner viz: That all the Lots be laid out as afores<sup>d</sup> by the Last Day of May next ready to be Drawn for which Shall be done at Portsmouth as Said Proprietors Shall Direct. That the Said Lots be Laid out in Ranges where the Land will Admit of it & Land left between the Ranges for high Ways of four rods wide and for Cross ways between the Lots of two Rods wide—That within One Year from the said last day of May Each Owner of the Said Sixty five Shares have a House of Sixteen foot Square (at least) with a Chimney and a Cellar upon One of the Lots belonging to his Share & Some Person living in said house & three Acres of Land Enclosed Cleared & fitted for mowing or Tillage and three Acres more so Enclosed Cleared & fitted for mowing or Tillage Yearly for the Term of three Years Successively next after the Year aforesaid. That the said Settlers at their own Expence Build a Meeting House there before the Last Day of May which will be in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & fifty two, fit for the Public Worship of God for the Use of those who Shall then or afterwards Live there and Constantly from & after that time maintain the Public Worship of God there. That Six Acres of Land be Left & Laid out in some Suitable place within Said Tract of Land for Setting a Meeting House upon, A School House, to make a Burying Yard, a training Field, & for any other Public Use the Inhabitants shall have Occasion for.—That each Owner of the Said Sixty five Shares shall at or before the Drawing for their Lots as aforesaid Advance & pay the Sum of thirty pounds Old Tenor (including what they have already paid towards Carrying on the Said Settlement) to be Deposited in the hands of Such Persons as the Said Owners or the Major part of them shall Chuse, to Defray the Charge of Surveying & Laying out of the Lots afores<sup>d</sup> Building a Meeting house as aforesaid & Maintaining the Public Worship of God there, the first Six Months from the End of three Years after Drawing for said Lots as afores<sup>d</sup> Clearing Land for high Ways, Building of Necessary Bridges, & making & Returning of a Compleat plan of all the Lots to the said Proprietors the Grantors of the said Premises. That all white pine Trees fit for His Majesty's Use for Masting the Royal Navy growing on said Tract of Land be & hereby are Reserv'd And are hereby granted to His Majesty his Heirs & Successors for Ever for that purpose. That the Owners of the said Sixty five Shares shall have the Use of all Meadows within any of the said twenty Shares for the

Term of five Years Commencing at the time of Drawing for the Lots as afores<sup>d</sup>. That no Obstruction be made upon any River within said Tract of Land to the Passage of the fish and in Case any Person shall So do it shall be Lawful for any one to Remove the same at Pleasure.

Reserving to the Grantors two hundred and five Acres of Said Land begining at a place Called Martyns Brook & so runing Up the River two hundred & Sixty Rods & then runing back Westerly to make up the Quantity afores<sup>d</sup> taking in the Severall Improvements of Andrew Todd John Espy James Lesly David Dickey James Moore Alexander MacCullen Barber Lesley & Robert Dickey which parcel of Land So reserved is hereby Granted in the following manner; That is to Say to the said Andrew Todd Seventy five Acres thereof and to the said James Leslie David Dickey James Moore Alexander McCullen Barber Lesley & Robert Dickey Each twenty five Acres thereof to be taken for each Man So as to take in his Particular Improvement and to run Westerly for the remaining part to make up the Quantity aforesaid to each Man Reserving also twenty Acres more which is hereby Granted to the above named Nathan Simons to be laid out where his Improvements are upon said Granted Premises taking in the Same where his House is which Several Tracts or Lots of Land are Granted & Confirmed to the Grantees afores<sup>d</sup> & their Respective Heirs & Assigns, they Severally paying & Each of them Depositing as aforesaid the Sum of five pounds Old tenor for every fifty Acres of Land So Granted or in that Proportion & doing & performing their proportionable part of all other & after Duty hereby Laid upon the Settlers as Afores<sup>d</sup> And In Case any of the Owners of the Said Sixty five Shares or the Particular Lots aforesaid Shall Refuse Neglect or Omit to perform & fully Discharge any of the Conditions Articles matters & things abovementioned by him Respectively to be done according to the true Intent & meaning of these Presents, He Shall forfeit his Right & Share in the said Tract of Land hereby Granted & Every part & parcel thereof to the said Grantors, and it Shall and may be Lawful for them or any of them or any Person or Persons in their name & Stead & by their Authority to Enter into & upon the part Share & Right of Such Delinquent Owner or any part thereof in the name of the whole & him utterly thence to Amove out Expel & Remove for the Use of said Grantors their Heirs & Assigns. Provided there be no Indian War within any of the Terms & Limitations of time above mentioned for performing the Said Articles & things afores<sup>d</sup> to be done & performed by the said Settlers, and in Case that should happen the same times to be allowed for the Respective matters aforesaid after Such Impediment Shall be removed—And it is also to be understood that the Surveyor or Surveyors & those

who shall be Appointed to Lay out the Lots belonging to the Shares afores<sup>d</sup> Shall also Lay out all the Particular Tracts & Parcels above-mention'd.—

Lastly the said Proprietors the Grantors afores<sup>d</sup> do hereby Ingage & promise to the Said Grantees to defend them their Heirs & Assigns against all & Every Action & Law Suit that Shall be prosecuted moved & Stirred against them & any of them by any Person or Persons whomsoever Claiming the said Land or any part thereof by any other Title than the Title of the said Grantors or that from whence theirs is Derived with this Condition & Limitation that in Case the said Grantees their Heirs or Assigns Shall be Ejected & Ousted by any Such right or Title that then they have or Recover nothing of & from the said Grantors & Proprietors or their Executors or Administrators for the Land hereby Granted nor for any Labour or Expence whatsoever which they have been or shall be at in Consequence and Pursuance of this Grant or any of the Premises aforesaid—And farther reserving to the said Grantors their Heirs & Assigns all that Tract or Parcel of Land lying within the bounds of the said Tract hereby Granted as afores<sup>d</sup> which is Commonly Called Suncook.

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[*Petition of Zacheus Lovewell, 1748.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 134.*]

Dunstable December 18<sup>th</sup> 1748—

Gentlemen

I was Owner of a Share in that tract at montetony Called Lovewell's Grant, made to me with five Others & was Included in Gorehams town on Which Rodgers & pudney Setled One Share thereof I Sold and Am Lyable to make Good, & if in Your Grant to Stark and Others in Which it falls, there be Room I shall be Exceeding Glad to be a Setler it possibly may prevent my Suffering Considerable Damage & not Lessen your Interest, I should bin Earlier in my Case but had forgot the title I gave of it till last Week Which was to Ebenezer Parkust not one of y<sup>e</sup> Petitioners under Stark if it be not too Late, your favours in this Shall ever be gratefully resented by Gen<sup>l</sup> you most Humble Ser<sup>t</sup>

Zacheus Lovewell

To the Gen<sup>l</sup> Prop<sup>rs</sup> of Masons Grant



[*Joseph Blanchard to Proprietors, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 135.]

Dunstable December y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1748

Gent<sup>l</sup>/ The Bearer, (Herewith Awaits you) the eldest Son & Heir of the venerable Coll<sup>o</sup> Prescott of Groton Deceased; Who died Claimer of nine Rights in Gorehamstown, Late Granted to Cap<sup>t</sup> Goffe & Company & Stark & Company (& the Other Gentleman in Company, Cap<sup>t</sup> Bancroft Owned One) I've Reason to think they were not Apprizd of your Intentions & Power to Grant the Same or had made Application, & assurance of their being as Profitable Subjects to the Government and As fully Yeild to Your demands as any who had no pretentions there before, & Provided Room can yet be made they Are very Solicitous for your favour herein & so pressing for me to Write I Could not get Excused,—

Their Interest in this part of Massachusetts is Considerable, & if they Can be Oblidged I'm of Oppinion it may not be Amiss—Cap<sup>t</sup> Baldwin of Sudbury Who Setled a farm Joyning to Hillsborough Was on his Journey to Portsmouth to Submitt him Self to Your Authority & Direction, was Taken Sick & Could not proceed he came to my House and begg'd that I would Informe, & that he Should proceed as Soon as able to See you, that if y<sup>e</sup> Land Joyning the South Side Hillsborough Should be granted in Setlement the Charge he has bin at there in Building Clereing &c, may not be Lost but is Ready to Conform to Such Conditions as You think Reasonable for him or if it be delay'd of being a town (w<sup>ch</sup> for the present I hope it will) he will be Ready to Conform to your Inclinations in y<sup>e</sup> matter—

The Messengers are Waiting I Expect in a few days to give you a further Acc<sup>o</sup> of my Own Affairs and Rest your most Humble Ser<sup>t</sup> at Com'and—

J Blanchard

To the Hono<sup>r</sup> Society of masons Grant  
 ☞ Cap<sup>t</sup> James Prescott

[*Petition of Seth Blodgett, 1748/9.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 136.]

Boston Jnr<sup>y</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1748

To the Honorable Gent<sup>m</sup> the Propriators of Masons Right & : c—  
 Gentl<sup>m</sup> when I heard of your Right from under M<sup>r</sup> Mason I was under Some Consarne for having a tract of Land of aboot 300 Acors

in a township Cauld By the Name of Goroms towne and had Bult a hous and Cleard Land and Brokne it up and fensed it and Cleard Meddow and Entervale in order for other Improvements and had a famaly Livd Some years in the Hous and S<sup>d</sup> famaly Being obleg<sup>d</sup> to Leave it By reason of the war It Put Me upon Search of the strength of My Titel from under the Massachusetts which I found in my humble opnion Not worth aney thing and that I Must Ly holey at the Marsey of you Gentel<sup>m</sup> whier upon My humble Potion Gente<sup>l<sup>m</sup></sup> is tha I may have My Land and Improven<sup>ts</sup> in the Place whier it was formerly Laid out and if Not I would Humbly Pray you to Consider Me in some other Place that I may Not Be a grate Looser thier By—

M<sup>r</sup> Gofe tels me that He had holy for : Got me when he had His Charter from you or Else He would A Spoke of me then and Now Scrupel with him But you would have Done as well for me as you Did for the others in the Like Surcomstances—

He tels Me that thier is 2 Rights Not yeat Dispos<sup>d</sup> of I humbly Pray you to Consider Me thier in I am Reddy to Come plye with aney Mesure that You Shall in your wisdoms think fitt in Reason I Shall Proforme—

I was at Pusceataqua in october and Maid my Aplication to you Gentel<sup>m</sup> about my affour S<sup>d</sup> Land and was Genorously treated at your Meeting for which I am Grately obleg<sup>d</sup> to you and you Engeously Told Me that as you had Not Agreed on aney Certen Methods to Proceed you Could Not Do aney thing for Me at that time and that as to y<sup>e</sup> truth of the afours<sup>d</sup> Gent<sup>m</sup> If you Have a Mind to Be Satiesfied to ovid Imposition which as I am A Stranger to you I Should Be Glad you would Enquer of Corn<sup>l</sup> Blanchard who Is Perfectly well acquainted with the Case and the Surcomstances thurof And Honorable Gentel<sup>m</sup> I Rest it wholey in you Brestes and Humbly Pray your Exceptance of my Above Requeste and I Shall Remain as in Duty Bound your Hum<sup>le</sup> and obedent Sert

Seth Blogget

[*Proprietors to Archibald Stark, 1749.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 137.*]

To mess<sup>rs</sup> Archibald Stark & Associates

Gent In y<sup>e</sup> Grant made to you and Company of the tract of land as bounded in the Grant it was Supposed that the Improvements of Cap<sup>t</sup> Tod and others fell within y<sup>e</sup> same and were reserved as such— but it seems that upon a more exact survey it appears they lay within the boundarys of y<sup>t</sup> Tract granted to Thomas Parker and associates Therefore the Proprietors of masons Right wou<sup>d</sup> recommend it to

you to agree the matter with Capt Goffe and Company and make them Satisfaction out of your Grant for what by Tod and others will be taken out of Goffe and Companys Grant amounting to Two hundred and fifty acrs—which is equall and Just—in the opinion of y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors of masons Grant—in behalfe of y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors—

Portsm<sup>o</sup> April 13<sup>th</sup> 1749—

Geo: Jaffrey jur P Cl

Copy Sent  $\text{¶}$  Cap<sup>t</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Goffe. April 14<sup>th</sup>

[*Petition of Grantees of Dunbarton, 1749.*]

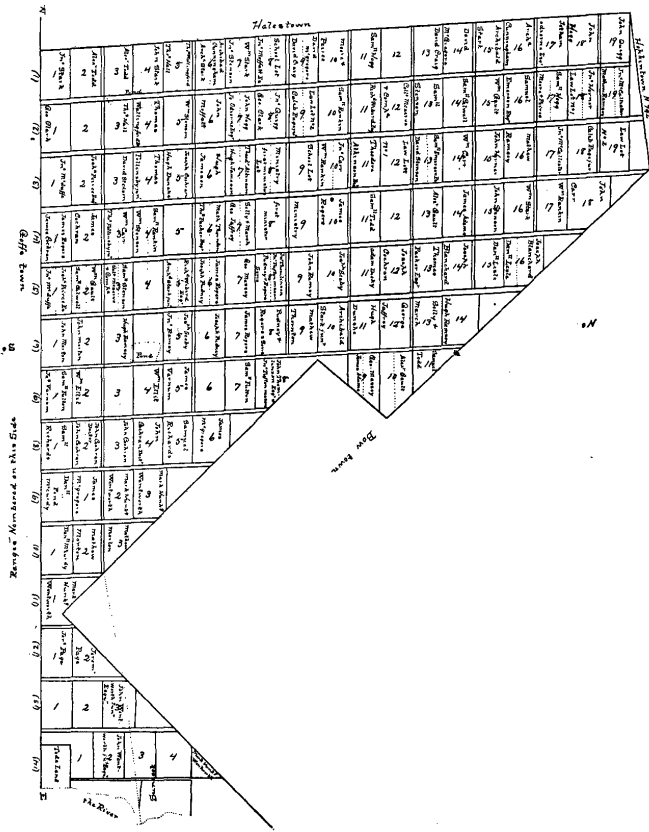
[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 138.]

To the Honorable Proprietors of M<sup>r</sup> Masons Lands in New hampshire &c

Gentlemen With Regard to the Grant of Land made to Archibald Stark and others: Which Grant falls Very short of mesure: being bounded in by Bow on the north East: Goffs town on the south and Hales town on the west: Cannot be Inlarged by Land adjoining to it in any Regular forme: and the Grantees think it a Great hardship to make settlement: and Performe the Duty as by Grant is Required unless they Can have two Hundred Acres to a Right or share: Would Informe you that when new boston and Hales town were Granted by the Massachusetts bay they adjoynd together: and their was a mile and a Half of Land: not Granted in any Shape Laying between the north End of Hales' town and the Line of towns (Viz) N<sup>o</sup> 5: N<sup>o</sup> 6: &c: Which Gentlemen in your Granting of Hales town to m<sup>r</sup> Weare of Hampton falls and others: you have bounded them upon the Line of towns afforesaid: which Leaves a Goer of Land on the South between Hales town and new boston Adjoyning too or Very near the south west Corner of Starks town: We Pray that you will annex and Confirme Said Gore of Land to the Grant of Stark's town or at Least so much of it as will make us two Hundred acres to one Right or share with what is before Granted which will Very much oblige yours to serve In behalf of the Grantees of a Certain tract of Land Granted to Archibald Stark and others—

Sam<sup>l</sup> Emerson

[Plan of Dunbarton, 1749.]



A Plan of the Division of That Tract of Land Granted by the Proprietors of the Land Purchased of John Tipton Messr Beag to Archibald Stark-William Stark & others as Said Division hath been made by the Grantors in order to the Dividing the Lots Agreeable to the Said Division and is hereunto referred.

This Plan Contains a true Account of all the Land Contained in the Grant made to Archibald Stark and others as Shreyed And Laid Down by a Scale of one Hundred and Sixty Rods to an Inch

by Saml Emerson Surveyor

[Draft of Lots in Dunbarton, 1749.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 139, and Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 215, and Vol. 7, p. 52.]

	Prop <sup>a</sup>	Range	N <sup>o</sup>	Range	N <sup>o</sup>	Side	
Joseph Pudney . . . . .	drawn	1	6	6	5	6	Soth
James Rogers . . . . .		2	6	7	5	6	No <sup>th</sup>
Pudney & Rogers Sons . . . . .		3	6	8	5	8	S <sup>o</sup>
first Ministers Lot . . . . .		4	4	8	3	8	S
Ministry Lot . . . . .		5	4	9	3	8	N <sup>o</sup>
John Morton . . . . .		6	6	1	6	2	
Geo: Massey . . . . .		7	5	7	7	9	N <sup>o</sup>
David Stenson . . . . .		8	3	3	3	13	S <sup>o</sup>
William Gault . . . . .		9	2	15	5	2	N <sup>o</sup>
James Addams . . . . .		10	4	14	7	9	S <sup>o</sup>
William Ellit . . . . .		11	7	4	7	2	S <sup>o</sup>
John Cochran . . . . .		12	8	3	8	2	S <sup>o</sup>
David McGregore . . . . .		13	1	14	1	9	N <sup>o</sup>
Coll <sup>o</sup> Meserve Coll <sup>o</sup> Blanchard } . . . . .		14	2	12	5	3	S <sup>o</sup>
Paul March & Joseph Green } . . . . .		15	3	15	2	18	N <sup>o</sup>
John Horner . . . . .		16	8	6	9	1	
James Mcgregore . . . . .		17	5	14	5	16	N <sup>o</sup>
Joseph Blanchard . . . . .		18	5	15	5	16	S <sup>o</sup>
Dan <sup>l</sup> Lesly . . . . .		19	4	10	4	1	N <sup>o</sup>
James Rogers . . . . .		20	1	15	1	6	S <sup>o</sup>
Archibald Stark . . . . .		21	2	14	5	2	S <sup>o</sup>
Sam <sup>l</sup> Calwell . . . . .		22	1	11	2	17	N <sup>o</sup>
Sam <sup>l</sup> Hogg . . . . .		23	2	16	3	13	N <sup>o</sup>
Sam <sup>l</sup> Emerson Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .		24	6	14	6	3	
Hugh Ramsey . . . . .		25	4	2	4	1	S <sup>o</sup>
James Cochran . . . . .		26	3	2	5	1	N <sup>o</sup>
Josh <sup>a</sup> Peirce Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .		27	3	18	2	9	S <sup>o</sup>
Caleb Page jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .		28	2	11	5	5	N
Richard Wibird Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .		29	7	7	7	1	N <sup>o</sup>
Samuell Fulton . . . . .		30	7	8	5	8	N <sup>o</sup>
John Thomlinson Esq <sup>ur</sup> } . . . . .		31	3	14	4	3	N <sup>o</sup>
Jn <sup>o</sup> Tufton Mason Esq <sup>ur</sup> } . . . . .		32	5	9	6	5	S <sup>o</sup>
William Carr . . . . .		33	4	13	7	10	N <sup>o</sup>
John Ramsey . . . . .		34	6	11	5	5	S <sup>o</sup>
Alex <sup>r</sup> Gault . . . . .		35	10	2	10	3	
Hugh Dumshi . . . . .		36	1	16	1	6	N <sup>o</sup>
Mathew morton . . . . .		37	5	12	3	5	N <sup>o</sup>
Archibald Cunningham . . . . .		38	13	3	14	2	
Joseph Cochran . . . . .		39	2	5	4	4	S <sup>o</sup>
John Wentworth jun <sup>r</sup> Esq <sup>ur</sup> . . . . .		40	1	10	2	17	S <sup>o</sup>
William Stenson . . . . .		41	4	15	1	7	S <sup>o</sup>
Coll <sup>o</sup> Moore & Daniel Peirce . . . . .							
John Stenson . . . . .							

## CHARTER RECORDS.

	Prop <sup>s</sup>	Range	N <sup>o</sup>	Range	N <sup>o</sup>	Side
Mathew Ramsey . . . . .	42	3	16	2	19	So
John Quigg . . . . .	43	1	19	2	8	No
Hugh Jameson . . . . .	44	3	6	3	7	So
Thomas Follensby jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	45	3	4	4	3	So
James Varnum . . . . .	46	7	5	7	1	So
Archibald Stark jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	47	6	10	5	5	So
George Clarke . . . . .	48	2	1	2	8	So
Thomas Hall . . . . .	49	2	3	1	5	So
Addam Dicky . . . . .	50	5	11	3	5	So
John Hall . . . . .	51	7	3	7	2	No
George Jaffrey . . . . .	52	6	12	4	7	So
Samuell Stenson . . . . .	53	2	13	5	3	No
Joseph Scobey . . . . .	54	5	10	6	5	No
Samuel Richards . . . . .	55	8	5	8	1	
William Rankin . . . . .	56	4	17	3	10	So
Jeremiah Paige . . . . .	57	12	1	12	2	
Mathew Thornton . . . . .	58	6	9	4	6	No
Samuel Todd . . . . .	59	4	11	7	11	
John Stark . . . . .	60	1	1	1	4	
Mark Hunk <sup>s</sup> Wintworth Esq <sup>ur</sup> . . . . .	61	9	3	14	0	
John M <sup>c</sup> Duffie . . . . .	62	3	1	5	1	So
Thomas Packer Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	63	5	13	4	6	So
Sam <sup>l</sup> Rankin . . . . .	64	2	10	4	4	No
David Craig . . . . .	65	1	13	1	9	So
Dan <sup>l</sup> M <sup>c</sup> Curdy . . . . .	66	10	1	9	o Pond	
John M <sup>c</sup> Calester . . . . .	67	3	17	2	19	No
Sam <sup>l</sup> Solley Esq <sup>r</sup> } . . . . .	68	6	13	4	7	No
Clem <sup>t</sup> March Esq <sup>s</sup> } . . . . .						
John Karr . . . . .	69	4	18	3	10	No
John Cochran Doct <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	70	8	4	8	2	No
Tho <sup>s</sup> Wallingford Esq <sup>ur</sup> . . . . .	71	2	4	1	5	No
William Stark . . . . .	72	4	16	1	7	No
Mark Hunk <sup>s</sup> wentworth Esq <sup>ur</sup> . . . . .	73	9	2	11	1	
John Moffatt Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	74	2	6	1	8	So
Law Lot N <sup>o</sup> 1 . . . . .	75	3	12	2	18	So
Alex <sup>r</sup> Todd . . . . .	76	1	2	1	3	
John Hogg . . . . .	77	1	18	2	7	No
Law Lott N <sup>o</sup> 2 . . . . .	78	3	19	2	9	No
Jotham Odiorne Esq <sup>ur</sup> . . . . .	79	1	17	2	7	So
Theodore Atkinson Esq <sup>ur</sup> . . . . .	80	3	11	3	7	No
		1	12	1	8	No
		2	2	1	8	So
		4	12	7	10	So
Lot for ministry . . . . .	4	9	3	8	8	No
Lot for first minister . . . . .	4	8	3	8	8	So
School Lot . . . . .	3	9	1	8	8	No

Prov: of New } Portsmouth December 21<sup>st</sup> 1749 Voted that this  
 Hampshire } Draft of y<sup>e</sup> Lots of Land in the Tract of land  
 Granted by the Proprietors of y<sup>e</sup> lands purchased of John Tufton  
 Mason Esq<sup>ur</sup> to Archibald Stark, William Stark & others so far as  
 they have been drawn be and hereby is Ratified & confirmed as a  
 full & final Division and Partition thereof and the Plan of Said  
 Division as made & numbered by y<sup>e</sup> Grantees & Returned by them  
 to the Grantors be Received allowed & Confirmed for the Purpose  
 aforesaid—

Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>r</sup> Cl

[Names to Be Entered in New Charter of Dunbarton, 1751.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 139.]

Londonderry Oct<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 21 1751—

To The Prop<sup>r</sup> of Lands Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> the  
 Originall Right of Cap<sup>t</sup> John Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> of London Lying in the  
 Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Whereas We the Subscribers were part of  
 the Grantees of A tract of Land Adjoyning to and On the West Side  
 of Merrimack River Called Starks town And have Conveyed Our  
 Respective Rights & Interest therein to Sundry Persons as follows,  
 viz<sup>t</sup> John Quig, to Archabald Stark James Adams to Tho<sup>ms</sup> Mills,  
 John MacAllester to Archibald Stark; Will<sup>m</sup> Karr to John Stark,  
 Archibald Stark to John Cambell, John Hogg to Will<sup>m</sup> Hogg, Mat-  
 thew Mortton to John MacCurdy, John Stark to Will<sup>m</sup> Stenson,  
 Hugh Ramsey, to Will<sup>m</sup> Heslop; Sam<sup>l</sup> Renken to Robert Macmur-  
 phy; Sam<sup>l</sup> Stinson to David Stinson; John Stinson to Will<sup>m</sup> Stark,  
 Alex<sup>r</sup> Gailt to James Evens; Archbald Cuningham to James Mac-  
 Gregore John Horner to Will<sup>m</sup> Stark; Thom<sup>s</sup> Hall to Will<sup>m</sup> Renken,  
 Samull Caldwell, to Co<sup>l</sup> Blanchord; John Ramsey to Will<sup>m</sup> Pudney  
 & obediah Foster one Hundred acres, & the remaining part of the  
 Right to Hugh Ramsey

and Whereas thr<sup>o</sup> the Neglect of Performance of Duty Injoynd  
 the Whole of y<sup>e</sup> Grantees, Wee Are Informed the Charter thereof is  
 made void and a New Charter proposed to be Given—

Now therefore we Desire that the Respective persons to Whome  
 Wee have Convey'd as afores<sup>d</sup> may in the Next Charter be entered  
 As Originall Grantees, in the place we held under the former Char-  
 ter Respectively, as having Rec<sup>d</sup> for the Whole of Our Interest of  
 them Satisfaction in full, as Wittness our hands and Seals the Date  
 above

John Quig	James Adams	John Mcallestor
William karr	Archibald stark	John Hogg
Mathew Morton	John Stark	Hugh Ramsey
Samuell Renkin	John <sup>his</sup> × Stevenson	Samuel Stinson
Alexander Gault	Archibald Cunningham <sup>mark</sup>	James Horner
Thomas Hall	Samuell Caldwell	John Ramsey

[*Charter of Dunbarton, 1752.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, March 2, 1752.]

Province of } Portsmouth March 2<sup>d</sup> 1752 Monday three of the  
New Hampshire } Clock afternoon at the House of Ann Slayton the  
Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Whereas the said Proprietors on the Seventeenth day of December Anno Domini one Thousand Seven hundred & forty Eight Granted to Archibald Stark John Stark Archibald Stark jun<sup>r</sup> Thomas Hall and others on the Terms Conditions & Limitations Expressed in said Grant a Certain Tract of Land in said Province about five Miles Square or nearly Equal thereto Bounded as follows Viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at the main River on the Northerly side of a Tract of Land Lately Granted by said Proprietors to Thomas Parker & others & Running Westward as far as that Tract of Land Runs Joining on the same then Runing North two Degrees West five Miles & one hundred & Eighty rods then North Seventy Nine Degrees East till it Comes to a place Called Rumford then Running South Seventeen Degrees East three Hundred and forty Rods then East till it Comes to the Township of Bow then by that till it Comes to said River & then by that till it Comes to the place where it Begins to have & to hold to them their Heirs and Assigns as therein Expressed which Terms and Conditions may at Large appear by Reference to said Grant Entered at Large in the Records of said Proprietors among which it is Expressed that in Case any of the owners of the Sixty five Shares (who were to make the Settlement) shall Refuse neglect or Omit to perform and fully Discharge any of the Conditions Articles Matters and things abovementioned (that is before Expressed in said Grant) by him Respectively to be done according to the true Intent & meaning thereof (Referring to said Grant) He shall Forfeit his Right and Share in the said Tract of Land & every part & parcel thereof to the said Grantors and they or any Person or Persons for them Might in that Case Lawfully Enter thereon & such Delinquent wholly to Oust



amove & Expel for the Use of said Grantors their Heirs & assigns— which also may more fully appear By said Grant & the Conditions thereof And Whereas the said Grantees have not Complied with the Terms and Conditions on which the said Grant was made whereby the whole Tract of Land so Granted is Forfeited to the Grantors & the Right thereunto again Vested in them according to the true Intent and meaning of said Grant and the Grantees Have Acknowledged the same & Surrendered the said Grant to the Grantors & have Requested of them a new Grant to the persons & on the Terms herein after set forth which the Grantors being Willing to Comply with Have Re-entered upon the said Premises for the Breach of said Conditions and are become again Seized thereof as in their former Estate—Therefore

Voted that there be & hereby is Granted unto Archibald Stark William Stark John Stark Archibald Stark Jun<sup>r</sup> all of a place Called Amaskege in the Province of New Hampshire the Rev<sup>d</sup> David Macgregore Robert Macmurphy William Rankin William Stinson John Cochran James Evens Hugh Dunshe John M<sup>c</sup>Curdy Joseph Cochran Hugh Jammeson David Stinson Joseph Scoby Matthew Thornton Daniel M<sup>c</sup>Curdy John Carr John Cochran Doctor Alexander Todd William Hogg David Stinson James M<sup>c</sup>Gregore Daniel Lesley George Clarke William Rankin William Stinson James Rogers James Cochran John M<sup>c</sup>Duffey James Macgregore Samuel Todd David Craige all of Londonderry in said Province Thomas Mills Samuel Hogg Caleb Page Jun<sup>r</sup> Samuel Richards Thomas Follansbee Jun<sup>r</sup> all of Hamstead in said Province and Jeremiah Page of said Place William Elliot John Hall Adam Dickey all of Derrifield in said Province Joseph Blanchard Esq<sup>r</sup> Joseph Blanchard Jun<sup>r</sup> both of Dunstable in said Province Joseph Pudney James Rogers their Eldest sons for one Right all Living on the Tract of Land hereby Granted William Pudney & Obadiah Foster of the same place for one hundred Acres and the Remaining part of the Share or Right to Hugh Ramsey of said Londonderry John Morton Late of Portsmouth in said Province & George Massey of said Portsmouth William Stark William Stark abovenamed having three Rights it being the same man & Archibald Stark abovenamed Samuel Emmerson Esq<sup>r</sup> & James Vernum both of Chester in said Province John Cammell of Haverhill William Hyslop of Boston both in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay William Galt of Canterbury in said Province Samuel Fulton Late of said Londonderry—Equally Excepting as aforesaid to them their Heirs and Assigns Excepting as hereafter Excepted—On the Terms Conditions and Limitations herein after Expressed all the Right Title Estate Interest & Property of the said

Proprietors of in and unto all that Tract or Parcel of Land about five miles Square more or less Situate in the Province of New Hampshire and Bounded as follows that is to say Beginning at the Main River on the Northerly side of a Tract of Land lately Granted by said Proprietors to Thomas Parker & others & running Westward as far as that Tract of Land Runs joining on the same then Running North two Degrees West five Miles & one Hundred & Eighty Rods then North Seventy nine Degrees East till it comes to Bow line then Southerly by the Township of Bow & Continuing by that till it Comes to said River then by that Till it Comes to the place where it Begins—To have and to hold to them their Heirs and Assigns as aforesaid and Excepting as aforesaid on the following Terms & Conditions Namely that the Division already made & the Lots as they have been Numbered & Drawn shall be and hereby is Ratified & Confirmed as a full & Effectual Severance & Division of the Said Tract of Land to hold the Respective Lots to the person or Persons to whose Name or Names the Respective Numbers of said Lots are affixed & to his & their Heirs and Assigns Excepting as is herein after otherwise mentioned That the said Grantees make a Settlement on the said Tract of Land in the following manner viz' That Thirty Families be Settled on the said Tract of Land, each having an house of Sixteen feet Square or equal thereto on some Lot belonging to the Respective owners of thirty Shares among the said Grantees & that each of the said thirty have three Acres of Land fitted for Tillage or mowing on one of the Lots belonging to Each Respective Share of the thirty by the last day of may next and shall Clear three Acres of Land more Yearly on one Lot of each of the Thirty Shares aforesaid for the Term of Two Years from the said Last day of may next That Ten Families more shall be Settled on the Lots belonging to ten other Shares of the said Grantees having an house of the Dimensions aforesaid and three acres of Land Cleared on a Lot belonging to each of the said Shares by the Expiration of three years to be Computed from the last day of may next which Ten Families are each to Proceed in Clearing three acres yearly for the two years then next Succeeding in Manner aforesaid and that Ten Families more be Settled on the Lots Belonging to ten other Shares of the said Grantees each having an House on a Lot belonging to the Respective Shares of the same Dimensions as aforesaid & three acres of land Cleared as aforesaid within five years from may next & to proceed in Clearing three acres more yearly the two next Succeeding years as aforesaid—That David Stinson David Macgregore James Macgregore Daniel Lesley Samuel Fulton Archiald Stark Archibald Stark for one more George Clarke William

Rankin & William Stinson make or Cause to be made the Settlement of The first Ten Families abovementioned That Joseph Blanchard James Rogers John Cambell Samuel Emmerson James Cochran Matthew Ramsey James Varnum John M<sup>d</sup>Duffey Robert Macmurphy & Archibald Stark make or Cause to be made the Settlement of the second ten Families abovementioned and that William Galt William Stark Joseph Blanchard Esq<sup>r</sup> William Hyslop James Macgregore William Stark Adam Dickey Jeremiah Page Samuel Todd & David Craige in Consideration of their Having paid a Certain sum of money to the first Settlers to Carry on the Settlement be and hereby are Exempted from making any Settlement on their Shares That in order to Carry on the said Settlement to Effect each of the aforesaid Grantees pay all such sum & Sums of money as shall be Voted to be raised by the major part of the said Grantees at any Regular Meeting of them according to such Rules as have been or shall be agreed upon by them for Calling the same to such person or Persons and at Such time as they shall Determine as aforesaid and in Default of such Payment that the part share & Right of the Grantee who shall refuse & Neglect to pay as afores<sup>d</sup> in & to said Land shall be & hereby is Subjected to & Charged with the payment thereof & the person or Persons appointed to Receive such sum or Sums of money as aforesaid shall & hereby have full power & authority to sell so much thereof as near as can be Conveniently done as will Raise money Sufficient for such payment with all Incident Charges as Occasion shall Require from time to time giving the Delinquent Person three Weeks Notice of such Design before the Sale is Actually made—That a meeting house of Sufficient Dimentions be built on said Land within five years from next may & made fit for Preaching in and that the Grantees maintain the preaching of the Gospel there Constantly after Six years from said may that any & every of the said Grantees who shall neglect to perform & fulfil every Article Matter & thing herein Enjoined for him to do he shall Forfeit his whole Right Share & Interest in & to the said Tract of Land to those of said Grantees who Shall have done & performed the same for themselves and they shall have the Term of one year after such Forfeiture Accrews (Which shall be Reckoned and Adjudged to be Immediately on the Expiration of the time herein allowed for the Doing any of the said matters & things) to Settle or Cause such forfeited Rights or shares to be Settled That Twenty five of the said Rights and Shares be and hereby are Reserved to the said Grantors their Heirs and Assigns & one of the s<sup>d</sup> Shares be for the first Minister his Heirs and Assigns who shall Settle there and Continue till he is Regularly Dismist or as long as he Shall

Live that another of the said Shares shall be for the use of the Ministry there forever and another for the use & maintainance of a School there forever That these three Shares with twenty two of those above Reserved shal be and hereby are Exempted and fully Exonerated from any & every Duty Charge Matter and thing Relating to the making the said Settlement & from all Taxes & Charges untill improved by the owner of Each Respective Right That all Highways that shall be laid out on said Land shall be by a Committee to be appointed for that Purpose by the said Grantors and Grantees only the Person on whose land Such ways shall run not to be paid for the same and if the said Settlement shall not be made as aforesaid According to the true Intent & meaning hereof & by the last Period of time Limited as aforesaid for the doing thereof the whole grant to be Null & Void & the said Land to Revert Return or Remain the Right Estate & Property of the Grantors as tho' this Vote had never been passed—Reserving also all white pine trees Standing & Growing on said Premises which are hereby granted to his Majesty his Heirs & Successors That the lots in the aforesaid Division Set off & Numbred to John Quigg shall be and hereby are Appropriated to Archibald Stark those to James Adams are appropriated to Thomas Mills John M<sup>c</sup>Allaster's to Archibald Stark William Carr's to John Stark Archibald Stark's to John Campbell John Hogg's to William Stinson Matthew Morton's to John McCordy John Stark's to William Stinson Hugh Ramsey's to William Hyslop Samuel Rankin's to Robert McMurphy Samuel Stinson's to David Stinson John Stinson's to William Stark Alexander Galt's to James Evins Archibald Cunningham's to James Macgregore John Horner's to William Stark Thomas Hall's to William Rankin Samuel Caldwell's to Joseph Blanchard Esq<sup>r</sup> John Ramsey's to William Pudney and Obadiah Foster for one Hundred acres & the rest or Remaining Lots to Hugh Ramsey to hold to them & their Respective Heirs & assigns—That four of the said Reserved Shares being the lots Numbred twelve in the first Range two in the Second Range twelve in the fourth Range ten on the South side in the Seventh Range one & two in the thirteenth Range are hereby Granted to the said Grantees their Heirs & assigns upon the Conditions aforesaid—That the Remaining Land within the Bounds aforesaid which is not Comprehend'd within the said Division shall be hereafter Divided between the said Grantors & Grantees in the proportion aforesaid that is the Grantors having Seventeen Shares thereof & the Grantees being at the Charge of the Division & making the Settlement and Complying with the terms & Conditions herein before Limited & Expressed and the Lots in said Division Number two

North & Number three in the Seventh Range being one of the said Reserved Shares be & hereby is granted to Noah Emery of Kittery Gentleman his Heirs & assigns Exempted & Exonerated from the duty of settling & paying any Charge tax and Expence untill improved by him or them—and in Case there shall be an Indian war within any of the times Limited for the doing the Several matters & things aforesaid Respectively the said Term to be allowed for any of the said Matters after that Impediment shall be Removed Lastly the Grantors do hereby Ingage & Promise to the said Grantees to Defend them their Heirs and Assigns all & every Action & Law Suit that shall be prosecuted moved & Stirred against them & any of them by any Person or Persons whomsoever Claiming the said Land or any part thereof by any other Title than the Title of the said Grantors or that From whence theirs is Derived with this Condition and Limitation that in Case the said Grantees their Heirs or Assigns be Ejected & Ousted by any such Right or Title that then they shall Recover Nothing of and from the said Grantors their Heirs Executors or Administrators for the Land hereby Granted nor for any Labour or Expence whatsoever which they shall have been or shall be at in Consequence of this Grant—And the lots in the said Division Called Law Lot Number one be for Matthew Livermore his Heirs and Assigns and those Called Law Lot Number two be to William Parker his Heirs and Assigns—

[*Trespass on Dunbarton Lands, 1752.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 140.]

Chester march y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1752

Sir— By What Information we had by m<sup>r</sup> James M<sup>c</sup>Greegor We understood that you were at a Loss to Know the perticuler place in Starks town where the trespass was Don by Richard Ayer and others and accordingly we have Been yester Day upon the place and taken a Sirvay of the place where the trespass is Done and find that it falls within the folowing bounds (Viz) to begin at a pich pine tree by the Main River Near the foot of Ilohooxey falls and Run west: 120 Rods to a white oak tree: and thence North two Degrees west about two Hundred and twelve Rods to Bow Line then by Bow Line to the River and so by the River to the first bounds will Comprehend and take in Said trespass the Lower part of this Land was Run out for a Lott but haveing Lotts enough without it: it was not Returned nor Drawn for but Laves as Common and no more at present onley

Gentlemen we Shall Crave Leave to Subscribe our selves your Very  
 Humble Servents to Command  
 Sam<sup>ll</sup> Emerson  
 Alex<sup>r</sup> Macmurphy

To Daniel Peirce Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 To Be Communicated to the Purchesers of John Tufteen Masons  
 Esq<sup>r</sup> Right in the wast Lands in the Province of Newhampshire

P S by the Nearest Veiw : and Information that we Cot Get their  
 is Cutt between two and three Hundred Loggs

[*Alexander M<sup>c</sup>Murphy to Proprietors about Trespass, 1752.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 141.]

Londonderry March y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1752

S<sup>r</sup>/ I thought proper to Inform you that M<sup>r</sup> Ayer has been up  
 and taken away the Loges which he Cutt in Stark's town (so Called)  
 & Likewise those he Cutt on the East Side of the Maine River which  
 I Informed you of Before, & by the information I had this Day he  
 has gott the most part of them to Ames Scheeg where he is now,  
 therefor look upon it nesesity that you would prooSeed in Some  
 proper way So as to have him Before he gett out of the provence,  
 those he Cutt upon the East Side of the River ware about Twenty in  
 Number, & were white Oaks, he Cutt them within about on Hun-  
 dred Roods of Ilohooxy falls, and Joseph Brown w<sup>e</sup> he Refires to in  
 his letter for Evedence which I Sent Down to you, told me he helpt  
 to hall them & his Brother helpt to Cutt them: the words Ayers &  
 others, in the Letter which Sqr Emerson & I wrot Referes to those  
 M<sup>r</sup> ayer gave for Evedence these are what offers at present only  
 Crave leave to Say that I am S<sup>r</sup> your verey Hum<sup>ll</sup> Ser<sup>t</sup> to Command  
 Alex<sup>r</sup> Macmurphy

To Daniell Peirce Esq<sup>r</sup>—

[*Report of Committee on Line between Dunbarton and Bow, 1758.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 142.]

We the Subscribers theophilus Smith and Samuel Lane as a Com-  
 mittee of the proprietors of bow in the province of newhampshire of  
 the one part and John Hogg and James M<sup>c</sup>Gregore as a Committee  
 from the proprietors of Starks town (in Said province) So Called of  
 the other part Each of the S<sup>d</sup> Committee being Chosen and orthised  
 to Settle the Lines, and bounds between Said towns haveing this day

mett together for that End and after Some Conversation Relating to that affair not agreeing to make a final Settlement of the Same Each party agreed that the following plan or Method in order for Settlement shall be drawn up and Layed before Each of Said Proprieties for their approbation and Confirmation if thay Shall See fitt at any Legal proprietors meeting by them held which is as follows to wi<sup>t</sup> that a Survayer and two Chainmen of indifferent men be Employ<sup>d</sup> who Shall begin at the northerly old Corner of bow next to Canterbury from thence to run Southwest nine miles then Southeast five miles then Southwest one mile then South East to the loer or South Easterly Side Line of Said bow as it was Settled with masons proprietors So Call'd In January Last and that Said Chain Men Shall be Sworn to Make just and impartial measure allowing for Sway of Chain and Rough mountains and woods Land according to the Customary Measure of towns—and that the Cost of the Same be paid Equally by Said propeties—

In wittness hereof the Said parties Interchangably Set their hands this twenty sixth day of December 1758

Theoder Smith  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Lane  
John hogg  
James M<sup>c</sup>Gregore

a true Coppe taken oute of the original agreement between the proprietors of bow and the proprietors of Starks town So Called this: 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 1760 as attest:

Caleb Page } proprietors Clark  
for Starks town

[*Petition of William Stark, 1765.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 143.*]

Province of } To the Gentlemen, Proprietors of the Lands  
New Hampshire } Commonly called L<sup>d</sup> Masons Right, in said Province—

The humble Petition of William Stark of Starks Town in the Province aforesaid Esq<sup>r</sup>

Sheweth That at a Legal Meeting of the Proprietors of Starks Town aforesaid held there on the Second Tuesday of June 1761, they Voted and Consented That Your Petitioner should have the Ninth Lot in the 3<sup>d</sup> Range in said Town which had been reserved for the School Lot in Exchange for the 12<sup>th</sup> lot in the 4<sup>th</sup> Range, in Case Your Pet<sup>r</sup> sho<sup>d</sup> purchase the same 12<sup>th</sup> Lot, and then that Lot to be

the School Lot for said Town As by an Attested Copy of said Vote hereunto annexed may appear

That Your Pet<sup>r</sup> has accordingly purchased the said 12<sup>th</sup> Lot, & appropriated the same as above, And prays you the said Gentlemen Proprietors That you will be pleased to Confirm & allow the said Town Vote in Favour of Your Petitioner Who will Ever Pray &c  
 Portsm<sup>o</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1765. W<sup>m</sup> Stark

Province of } At a Meeting of the Proprietors This Petition was  
 New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> } read and it appearing to be for the advantage of the  
 Public Lot as well as Said Stark the Proprietors Approved thereof  
 and therefore Voted that the Same be & hereby is Allowed Ratified  
 and Confirmed

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[*Permission to William Stark to Exchange Lots, 1765.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 144.]

at a Lagual Meeting held at the hous of Cap<sup>t</sup> William Starks by the propriators of Starks town on the Second tuesday in June 1761: then Voated and freely Consented by the proprietors of Starks town that Cap<sup>t</sup> william Starks Should have the ninth Lott in the third Range which was Reserved for the Use of a School in Starks town in Exchange for the twelfth Lott in the fourth Range in Case S<sup>d</sup> Starks purches the s<sup>d</sup> twelfth in the fourth Range to Lay for the Use of the School in Starks town a true Coppe taken oute of the proprietors Records in Starks town october the 19: 1765

attested by—

Caleb Page Proprietors Clark  
 for Starks town

Captain Starks have purchesed Said twelfth Lott in the fourth Rang according to the above Voat to Lay for the Use of S<sup>d</sup> School  
 C Page

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[*Petition of Caleb Page, 1771.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 145.]

Caleb Page at Portsm<sup>o</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1771 represent's in behalf of the Grantees of Stark's Town that there is a Quantity of Land of Eleven hundred Acres within the bounds of S<sup>d</sup> Township adjoining to merimack River—on which four Families are Settled, and one of which was Settled when y<sup>e</sup> Township was laid out, and three others Since—these Settlements are chiefly on interval land—and that there are





have proceeded and warnd a town meetin got aboute ten or twelve Inhabtents of the town Voat to Change the School Lott for two half Lotts which is not one quarter So Good in my Judgment as the School is as it now Laves there was not but aboute thirteen people at the meeting when thay Voted it away and not more then one or two proprietors amongst them I hapend to hear of it and went and Entered my Decent to that Voate and would beg and pray that your honour and all the Lord proprietors would put a final Stop to that Lootts being Changed away upon any Conditions what soever for it is a good Lott and Laves handy for the Inhabitents no more but I Remain your Most humble and Deutifull Servent

November y<sup>e</sup> 4: 1773

Caleb Page

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[*Vote of the Proprietors of Dunbarton, 1773.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 147.*]

At a Lagual Meeting of the Prioretors of Dunbarton holden at the house of Cap<sup>t</sup> william Stark on ajurnment from the 12 of march 1771 to the Last tusday of June next then Votted that Caleb Page Should Go to portsmouth and make a Settlement with the Lord proprietors aboute their Shar of the Common Land Laying in Dunbartun as he think proper uppon the proprietors Charge

Dunbarton December y<sup>e</sup> 27: 1773; a true Coppy of Record; attest  
Caleb Page proprietors Clark

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[*Proprietors' Agreement with Caleb Page, 1773.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 147.*]

Whereas the Proprietors of Dunbarton have appointed Cap<sup>t</sup> Caleb Page as appears by their Vote to treat with the Proprietors of Masons Patent in order for a Division of the Undivided Land in Said Town we a Committe of Said Proprietors have agreed with him to send up a Surveyor Next Spring to Survey & return a Plan of said Land in order for an immediate Division of the same—in the mean time we have desired Cap<sup>t</sup> Page to take care on the Proprietors behalf that no Tres<sup>s</sup>pass be committed of y<sup>e</sup> said Land

Portsm<sup>o</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1773

D Rogers	} Committee
John Penhallow	
W <sup>m</sup> Whipple	

A Copy of the Above Sent by Cap<sup>t</sup> Page to the Proprietors of Dunbarton

## DURHAM.

[Petitioned to be set off from Dover as a parish by the name of *Oyster River*, May 27, 1669. Incorporated as Durham May 15, 1732. Lee was set off and incorporated Jan. 16, 1766. The south line of the town was established June 19, 1818. A portion of Durham was annexed to Newmarket, July 2, 1870.

See Massachusetts charters preceding; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 234; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 566; Index to Laws, 159; Life of John Sullivan, by Thomas C. Amory, 1868; Memoir of Ebenezer Thompson, by Mary P. Thompson, 1886; Sketches of Civil and Ecclesiastical History, by Federal Burt, 5, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 129; sketch, Hurd's History of Strafford County, 1882, p. 616; Valedictory Discourse, by Curtis Coe, 1806, pp. 32; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 326; establishment of the N. H. College of Agriculture in this town, Reports of Trustees, 1893, pp. 5, 107; The Benjamin Thompson Trust Fund, Report of State Treasurer, 1892, pp. 175 to 220; Documentary History, by W. F. Goodwin, Dawson's Historical Magazine, 2d series, vol. 8, p. 292; Marriages, 1713-68, by S. C. Adams, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, vol. 23, p. 178, to vol. 33, p. 345; Sullivan House and Its Associations, by F. M. Colby, 5, Granite Monthly, 80.]

[*Sale of Ephraim Clough's Lands*, 1786.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 147.]

Rockingham Ss } The State of Newhampshire

Seal

To any or either of the Sheriffs of the several and respective Counties in said State or their Deputies Greeting—

Whereas John Peirce of Portsmouth in our County of Rockingham Merchant Administrator of the Estate of Thomas Forsey late of Albany in the County of Albany & State of New York Merchant deceased Intestate who was Surviving Partner in trade & Commerce of Benjamin Forsey late of said Albany Merchant deceased by the consideration of our Justices of our Inferior Court of common pleas holden at Exeter within and for our County of Rockingham aforesaid on the last tuesday of July Anno Domini 1783, recovered judgment against Abner Clough of Nottingham in said County of Rockingham Yeoman & Ephraim Clough of Durham in the County of Strafford and State aforesaid Yeoman For the sum of One hundred Sixty nine pounds Eight shillings damage & three pounds Sixteen shillings Cost of Suit as to us appears of Record—Whereof execution remains to be done—we command you therefore that of the goods

chattles or lands of the said Abner & Ephraim within your precinct you cause to be paid and satisfied unto the said John Adm<sup>r</sup> aforesaid to the value thereof in Money the aforesaid sums being One hundred Seventy three pounds four shill<sup>rs</sup> in the whole with eight shillings & eight pence more for this and former writ and thereof also to satisfy yourself for you own fees. And for want of goods chattles or lands of the said Abner & Ephraim to be by them shewn unto you or found within your precinct to satisfy the sums aforesaid We command you to take the bodies of the said Abner and Ephraim and them commit unto the gaol in either of the respective Counties aforesaid, and detain in your custody within the said Gaol untill they pay the full sums abovementioned with your Fees and that they be discharged by the said John (in said Capacity) the Creditor or otherwise by order of law. Hereof fail not, and make return of this Writ with your doings therein, into our said inferior Court of common pleas to be holden at Exeter within the County of Rockingham aforesaid, upon the second tuesday of August next—Witness Nathaniel Folsom Esq<sup>r</sup> at Exeter the third day of June Anno Domini 1786—

N.. Emery Jun<sup>r</sup> Clerk—pro. Tem  
N Emery J<sup>r</sup> Clerk—pro. Tem

A Copy examined by

State of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> }

Strafford ss. }

Durham June 15th 1786. Then Samuel Nutter, Robert Lapish, and Joseph Chesley J<sup>r</sup> made solemn oath that they would faithfully & impartially appraise such estate belonging to Ephraim Clough as shall be shewn them to satisfy the within execution with incidental Charges—

John Smith 3d Jus<sup>s</sup> Peace—

Strafford ss } Durham June 5th 1786—We the subscribers being chosen and sworn as above do Appraise a certain tract of land lying in Durham in said County as shewn to us by M<sup>r</sup> John Peirce for the property of Ephraim Clough Containing forty six acres & forty one Square rods at the value of four pounds ten shillings per Acre for satisfying the within execution with incidental Charges said land is the whole of said Cloughs homestead that lies on the South side of the road leading to Packer's falls (so called) bounded North-erly & Westerly by said Highway—Southerly by Lamprey River and Easterly by land of Benjamin Doe and Joseph Smith except nineteen Acres & thirty five square rods at the easterly end of the premises to be set of in a line Parallel with the East line thereof adjoining said Does & Smiths land—Also excepting two Acres & thirty three rods of land where s<sup>d</sup> Clough's dwelling house stands beginning at



scide thereon & the report of any two shall be conclusive Durham  
April 17<sup>th</sup> 1789—

John Clough  
John Peirce

[*Auction Sale of Lands in Durham, 1793.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 149.]

Public Vendue

To be Sold at Public Vendue On Thursday the twenty first day of Feb<sup>y</sup> Next at three oclock after noon at the Dwelling house of Cap. Benj<sup>a</sup> Trip inholder in s<sup>d</sup> Durham by Virtue of a Licence from the Hon<sup>l</sup> Judge of Probate for the County of Strafford all the Real Estate of Henry Dearing late of the Island of Jamaica Deceased, being one Seventh part of the Second & third Division Lots Laid out to the Original Right of Thomas Packer Esq deceased in Rochester in the County aforesaid—The conditions of the sale will be made known at the time & place aforesaid Portsmouth Jan<sup>y</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1793

John Peirce Adm<sup>r</sup>

Public Vendue

To be sold at Public Vendue on Thursday the twenty first day of Feb<sup>y</sup> Next at three oclock after noon at the dwelling house of Cap Benj<sup>a</sup> Tripp in holder in Durham by Virtue of a Licence from the Honb<sup>l</sup> Judge of Probate for the County of Rockingham about Forty four Acres of Land more or Less being all that Land taken by Execution from Ephraim Clough in said Durham & now in the occupation of M<sup>r</sup> John Clough. The Conditions of sale to be made known at the time & place aforesaid January 19<sup>th</sup> 1793

John Peirce Adm<sup>r</sup>

[*Conditions of Sale, 1793.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 150.]

Conditions of Sale of Forty Six Acres & forty one Square Rods of Land in Durham taken by Execution out of the Homestead Farm of Ephraim Clough on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 1786

First that the Highest bidden shall be the purchaser

Second when sold the purchaser shall pay down Ten  $\frac{3}{4}$  Cent of the purchase sum and within three Months shall pay fifteen  $\frac{3}{4}$  Cent more—and within one Year pay the bal<sup>co</sup> with interest on the whole—

A Deed shall be given by J Peirce the Administrator at the end of three Months on Satisfactory Security being given  
 Durham Feb<sup>r</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1793— John Peirce

The Estate above is sold to pay the Debts of Thomas Forsey Deceased by Virtue of a Licence from the Judge of Probate for the County of Rockingham  
 John Peirce Adm<sup>r</sup>

Forty Six Acres & forty one Rods of Land in Durham as above Discribed

Sold Eben<sup>r</sup> Thompson Junior Esq at Eleven Dollars & half  $\frac{3}{4}$  Acre is 69/  $\frac{3}{4}$  Acre

Conditions of Sale of one Seventh part of one Lot of Two hundred & Forty Acres & One Lot of one Hundred Forty Acres both being part of the Original Right of Thomas Packer Late of Portsmouth Esquire Deceased in the Town of Rochester & County of Strafford  
 Durham Feb<sup>r</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1793

First that the Highest bidder shall be the purchaser

Second That the whole purchase sum shall be paid down in Money—

John Peirce

The above Land is the Estate of Henry Dearing Deceased whose Estate is sold by Virtue of a Licence of the Judge of Probate for the County of Strafford—

$\frac{1}{7}$ <sup>th</sup> part of 240 Acre Lot sold to Samuel Nutter—at 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ Acre is 34 acres & 45 Rods—	}	£12. 0—
$\frac{1}{7}$ <sup>th</sup> part of 140 Acre Lot—at 5/ sold Samuel Nutter—is 20 acres—5/—	}	5. 0
		17. 0

Esq<sup>r</sup> Mathews—9 $\frac{1}{2}$

M<sup>r</sup> Thompson—10

M<sup>r</sup> Nutter—11

M<sup>r</sup> Thompson—11 $\frac{1}{2}$  Doll<sup>s</sup>  $\frac{3}{4}$  Acre

[Agreement between Clough and Peirce, 1793.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 151.]

The Subscriber John Peirce has this day agreed to sell to the Subscriber John Clough Forty five Acres of Land more or Less it being that Land which said John Peirce took by Execution from Ephraim

Clough & on which said John now lives for which I the said John Clough promise said Peirce to pay him Eleven & one half Dollars for each acre of said Land  $\text{\textcircled{P}}$  Return of the Execution within two Years from this date with interest until paid from the date hereof and I the said J Clough promise to give my note of hand agreeably to the above within fourteen days from the date, when said John Peirce promises said Clough to give him a good & Sufficient deed for the same

Nothing in this agreement is to interfere with the settlement between the Parties of Rent to this time Durham May 9, 1793

And the Said Parties are bound each to the other in the sum of Two hundred Dollars which they promise to pay in case of non compliance with this agreement and in case either partie fail in compliance the above obligation shall be good in Law as a Note of hand for Value Received for the above sum of 200 Dollars—

John Clough  
John Peirce

This agreement has been complied with by both parties and is void—

John Peirce—  
John Clough—

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### EATON.

[Granted Nov. 7, 1766, to Clement March and others. The line between Eaton and Tamworth was settled Feb. 8, 1797. Five grants of land to retired officers who served in the French War were annexed Dec. 24, 1795. Madison was set off and incorporated Dec. 17, 1852.

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volume; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 600; Index to Laws, 161; sketch, Fergusson's History of Carroll County, 1889, p. 788; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 375; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 14; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 600; grants to Archibald Stark and Nathaniel Martin with Conway and Madison papers.]

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[*Walter Bryant, Jr., in Behalf of Proprietors of Eaton, 1768.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 152.*]

To the Honorable the Purchasers of Mason's Patent in Newhamp<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>r</sup> after the Northwesterly Boundary of y<sup>e</sup> Patent was Run from the Dividing Line Between the Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> & the Mas-



sacuetts on the Easterly side of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> By Walter Bryant Esq<sup>r</sup> as far Westwardly as Ossiepe Mountains and had my Self Continued the Same Line to Pemisawssets River where it meet with the Line Run from the Westerly side Line of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> I procured the Grants of two townships of Land of his Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> Late Governour of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> for a Number of Proprietors as <sup>in</sup> the Schedule Which Townships were Incorporated By the Names of Eaton and Burton Bounding the township of Eaton Southerly on the aforesaid North Westerly Line of said Patent as then Run & Westwardly on the township of Tamworth and Northwardly on the Aforesaid township of Burton and Eastwardly Partly on Lands Granted to Ranging Officers and Partly on the Dividing Line Between New Hamp<sup>r</sup> & the Massachuets. Bounding the township of Burton Southerly on the aforesaid township of Eaton and Easterly on the township of Conway and Northerly & Westerly By a line Running West from the Middle of the Westerly side line of Conway so far that a Line Run<sup>d</sup> North from the Northwest Corner of Tamworth shall Intersect the aforesaid Line Run West from Conway. For which township I have Advanced Several Considerable Sums of Money in Behalf of said Proprietors for the Survey in order to fix the said Charters Seperate from Other Claims and in Procureing the Charters of said townships and in Partly Surveying the said townships Agreeable to the Charters and in Cutting the Road through said township from Moulton Borough to Saco River in Conway and in Conveaning said Proprietors at Sundry times to manage and Act on said Affair and in Agreeing with a Number of Settlers from the Massa<sup>ts</sup> to Settle said Lands who are now Ready to Enter thereon—and at the Same time had no Expectation of any Considerable Error in the said Northwesterly Line of said Patent But are Now Informed that By a Late Survey Made By the Joint Request of his Excellency John Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> the Present Governour of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> and Your Honours to Determine the aforesaid North-westerly Line of said Patent have found that the aforesaid township of Eaton & Part of the said township of Burton as Granted and Laid Out, to be Included within the Limitts of the aforesaid Patent Wherefore the said Charters Made By his Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> Late Gov<sup>r</sup> of the Lands afores<sup>d</sup> Doth not Convey the Right of the Premises to the Grantees of said Charters the Right of the Crown Being In-Vested in Your Hon<sup>ors</sup> By your Patent Before our said Charters I do therefore In Behalf of those Persons whose Names are Affixed in the Schedule hereunto Annexed Pray Your Hon<sup>ors</sup> to take the Premises under your Consideration and Make two Several Grants of the aforesaid townships Of Eaton & the aforesaid Included part of the township of

Burton to the Persons whose Names are Affixed to the Schedule Annex'd as aforesaid—

In Such a Manner and By Such Limits as Shall be for the Advantage of your Hon<sup>ors</sup> Other Lands in your said Patent, as well as Your Petitioner's Constituents—And Your Petitioner Shall every pray &c  
Portsm<sup>o</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 21 1768— Walter Bryent Jun<sup>r</sup>

Schedule of the Proprietors of Eaton

Clement March Esq <sup>r</sup>	Jonathan Moulton Esq <sup>r</sup>	Walter Bryent Esq <sup>r</sup>
Cap <sup>t</sup> Jeremiah Folsom	Jeremiah Gilman	John Gilman
Cap <sup>t</sup> Israel Gilman Jun <sup>r</sup>	Thomas Tash Esq <sup>r</sup>	John Tash
Benj <sup>a</sup> Chapman	Sam <sup>l</sup> Chapman	Jonathan Robinson
John Watson	Jeremiah Folsom Jun <sup>r</sup>	John Folsom Jun <sup>r</sup>
Jermy Bryent	John Bryent	Ede Hall Bergin
Edward Smith	John Johnson	Bartholomew Smart
Josiah Johnson	David Davis	Nathaniel Steavens
Jonathan Steavens	James Burley	Nathan Folsom
Edward Hilton Jun <sup>r</sup>	Nicholas Duda	Thomas York
Sam <sup>l</sup> Gilman	David Gilman	Joseph Senter
John M <sup>c</sup> Duffee	Joseph Young	John Smith
John Folsom	John Pickering Attorn <sup>y</sup>	Samuel Livermore Esq <sup>r</sup>
Joshua Bracket	John Hartford	Nicholas Hartford
Daniel Mason	Josiah York	David Hicks
John Mead	George Dutch	Winthrop Smart
Arthur Bennett	Thomas Bennett	Nathaniel Ewer
Joshua Frost	Walter Bryent Jun <sup>r</sup> Esq <sup>r</sup>	John Burley
Joseph Smith Esq <sup>r</sup>	Joseph Smart	Caleb Bennett
William Parker Esq <sup>r</sup>	Giles Seward	Jonathan Warner
Benj <sup>a</sup> Smith Esq <sup>r</sup>	Paul March Esq <sup>r</sup>	Theodore Atkinson Esq <sup>r</sup>
Daniel Warner Esq <sup>r</sup>	Gouverneur School & Minister	

A True Copy of the Proprietors Names or Grantees of Eaton att<sup>d</sup>  
Walter Bryent Jun<sup>r</sup> Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cle<sup>r</sup>

[*Petition of the Bryents for Grant of Land, 1771.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 153.]

Province of } To the Purchasers from John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> of  
New Hamp<sup>t</sup> } their Patent In the Province aforesaid.

Gen<sup>l</sup> After the Northerly and Westwardly Boundary Line of Your Patent was Run The Subscribers & Others, ware at the Expence of Procuring a Charter of a Township of Land of Something More then

Six Miles Square and Bounded Westwardly on the township of Tamworth and Northerly on the township Burton and Eastwardly on Lands Granted to a Number of Ranging Officers and on the Dividing Line Between the Province of Newhampshire and the Massachuets & Southerly on the Aforementioned Patent Line, which township was Granted by Benning Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> Late Governour of Newhampshire & by him Incorporated By the Name of Eaton and After the Surveying of said township Part of said township was Claimed by and Run Out to the Province of the Massachuets Bay by Sundry Comitees of said province, which Occationed Very Great Expence to the Subscribers & hindred the Settlement of said Lands by Reason of Sundry Law Suits Commenceing On the Determination of which the Property of those Lands Depended. at the finishing of which Law Suits, a New Survey of the Boundaries of said Patent was ordered on the Northerly Part of said Patent by which Survey the whole of the Aforesaid township of Eaton as Granted and Bounded fell within the Limits of said Patent whereby the Subscribers are Disappointed and those Settlers they have Procured of Settling a New Plantation As by Charter Prescribed In the Right of the Crown the Subscribers therefore Desire You would take the Premises into your Consideration And Make them a Grant of a Tract of land Equal to Six Miles Square in Your Unappropriated Lands In Your said Patent

July 31—1771—

Walter Bryant  
Walter Bryant Jun<sup>r</sup>  
Jeremy Bryant

[*Proposals to Joshua Nickerson, 1772.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 154.*]

Memorandum of Proposals made by the Committee of Mason Propriety, to M<sup>r</sup> Joshua Nickerson, in behalf of himself & Thirty Familys, Viz<sup>t</sup> to have a Grant of 12,000 Acres of Land on the Curve Line to the Eastward of Tamworth the whole to be laid out in 100 Acre lotts and to be drawn for, one half to the Grantors free of duty & tax, the other half to the Grantees on conditions of Settlement, proper Roads to be left, 200 Acres for the first Minister, 200 Acres for the Ministry for ever, 200 Acres for the benefit of a School, time of Settlement Building Mills &<sup>c</sup> to be fix'd when the Grant is made—the 600 Acres last Mentioend to be exclusive of the 12,000—

Portsmouth Nov<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1772

Rec<sup>d</sup> a Copy of the above sign'd by Peter Pearse

Joshua Nickerson

[*Samuel Lauchlen to Proprietors, 1773.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 155.*]

Roxbury Aug<sup>t</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1773

To ye Hon<sup>ble</sup> George Jaffrey Esq<sup>r</sup>

Honored Sir Agreeable to your advis to me when you was at Boston which was to See if I Could git twenty men to go & Settle y<sup>e</sup> Plase & you Said you thought if I could git so many that ye Proprietors would Let me have that town you spook of and now Sir I have Spook with only two man & they were So well Pleased with it that they went out & Precured all ye Rast & they could have got three or fore more But they would have none but Such as ye compeny Liked should go and truly thos that have Put down thire name are very Spriy able Bodyed men & can carey Sumthing of a good intrest with them which is very nescery to go into a new Plase & they think they can git a grate number more in a Lettle time & it is very Likly to me they can for there is but two of these that have Singed that I thought of when I Spook with you & as they are So high in thire spirits to go it may be supposed that they will Stare up outthers as soon as we shall have time to Let them know of it for you must consider thire was but 5 days to git these in I hant had oppertunety to See Sum that has told me before I went to Portsmouth that if it shold be So that I should git ye Land they would go with me & there is fifteen of them that I can git to go with me as Soon as I can git ye grant if it Should be good Land they dont care if it be 70 or 80 miles from Portsmouth & if you had ye wrighings that I have you would see that mason Right gos fether Back then that & that thire is a grate Parsel of Land Lays dormon now in them Parts as I am informed by one ho has ben with me ho Say he has got a grant from you of a Townshipe of Land & that but a Lettle while ago that Lays 70 mile from Portsmouth & Says you are giveing out grants of that Land and he tels me that ye Land is very good & if the township ant good Land I would not Except of it as a git for these men would not go on what is cald very Poor Land & if it be Such as they would not think worth Settleing I would not go where good husbands would not follow me but I know you have a good choise—& if thse men Should be Set down on a good track of Land By y<sup>e</sup> Blessing of God it would not be Long before they would Bring up a good Report of them Parts & very Likly would be a means of indusing may more of thire aquntance to go & purches Land of you & I think it might halpe ye growth of them Parts very much there is a good may of my aquntance gon to ye Eastward & more that think of going which I think if they had gut a quanted with your Land would be as Likly to go there & more so than to ye Eastward and now Sir

Please to Lay this before ye gentlemen Proprietors that they may see ye whole of y<sup>e</sup> affair & I mak now dought but if you do vew evey thing Relating to ye matter from ye fust to these Present consideration of Bringen on so many Settlers which they must know will Sarve to Rase ye value of Land in them parts & in time it may be you will See that this your kindnss to me in this will torn to your own benefit: as will as mine & than bouth you & I shall have grate Reason to Bless god that has don this for us—

P: S Sir I Bag your Patience that I may Speak a few words more an ye affaure that there may be nothing wanting on my Parte to Pree-swade you to grant this my Request whis So just & Reasanable for if you only consider how much troble I have ben at & also have many men I am Lik to git to go into them partes for my parte I cant Say how many there will be when they Come to See ye Land for I never See Pople So Stired up to go to any one Plase before in my Life my neighbours Says they think I might git a hundred good Likly men on the considerration of giveing one hundred acers to Each man for Set-ting & you See I have got thirty that have engaged to go if I git ye grant of a township & from this if I could have a good grant of a townshipe I am willing to engage to Put on as many Settlers as we talked of & I Suppose I can very Easely dubble the number & that very quick for Severel of these men in tend to Look out for Sum Plase this fall & for ther Sakes if you Should See case to grant me a town-ship any time I Should be glad it may be as Soon as Conveniently you can & I have Promis to Let them know as Soon as I can & that it is Likly you will give me answer this month which I Pray you would & Send it me if you Please by m<sup>r</sup> Davis the Bearer of this Letter for I can git it from him ye Easest—

Sir I hope you will Excuse me for wrighing with my own hand Seeing I could no better Spell wright nore in dite I could indeed have got Sum gentleman in Boston who has wrote for me Before to wright for me now but I thought I would not Let any of these gentlemen know how ye affair stands now as I very well know what there advise would be, I cant but hope you will give me answer in Pease & may you in joy Pease & comfort all your Days I am Sir your Honours Mosht Humble Sarv<sup>t</sup>

Sam<sup>l</sup> Lauchlen

[*Samuel Lauchlen to Proprietors, 1773.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 156.*]

Roxbury Aug<sup>st</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> /1778

To ye Hono<sup>ble</sup> George Jaffrey Esq<sup>r</sup>

Hono<sup>d</sup> Sir I Should have Sent you ye with in written instrument in my Last but I had gut but 16 Signeers then & as I heard of more that wanted to sign I have wated for them & now they have come & Signed which mak up thirty men in all Sum more were a mind to Sign but ye Compney told me they should not Lik to have them go & So I would not tak them in these men Say if I have ye townshipe granted me they verely believe that they could have there number made up to one hundred men that would go forthwith & Settle ye Town if I wanted So many & these men Please themselves With ye thoughts of joining together & all to Set down in one Plase where they would be all of one mind & of one harte for they all are well aquaned one with a nother Except two of my frinds that Live 20 mile of are to go with them they are all at Preasant Blessed be god for it harty Rugged man I Believe there is 8 or 9 of them carpenders, that intend to go & Sum Shouemakers and now sir you See if my Request be granted to me you my. Depend upon haveing ye town very Soon Settled much better then any town you have Settled Prehaps yeat (as I am informed thise day from a man that Lives down in them Parts who Say that there is Levetts town & a number more to his knoldg that hant fulfilled ther ingagement (& he Say he thinks they ought to be taken from them for it & given to those that would Settle them Better which might be a benefit to ye Publeck thuse he) now sir I must Bag you to Let me know what answer I may give these man who are wateing hopeing to have an oppertunety to Settleing togeather but if I dont git y<sup>e</sup> townshipe granted to me now about 10 of them intend to go a nother way thise fall but I hope you will oblige them & me to & I tak it as a kindness Showed to me who am sir with due Respect your Honours most obdant most

Humble Sarvant

Sam<sup>l</sup> Lauchlen  
a Tanner by trade

[*Names of Lauchlen's Settlers, 1773.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 157.*]

Roxbury Aug<sup>st</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1778

We whose Names are underwritten do hereby promise that if the Proprietors of Lands in New Hampshire do grant to Samuel Lauchlen

a Township of Land in the said Province of New Hampshire we will, as soon as conveniently may be, go along with him to settle therein, and to cultivate and improve the same

As Witness our Hands

Job Weld	Jedidiah munro	Solomon munro
Joshua Lewis	John Bradshaw	David Baker
William Draper	David Lyon	Paul Draper
Jesse Partridge	Sam <sup>l</sup> Fuller	Gershom Jackson
James Goggin	Samuel Doggat Jun <sup>r</sup>	Phinehas Child
Richard Richardson	Josiah Fisher	Daniel Child
Israel Fairbanks Jun <sup>r</sup>	James Griggs Jun <sup>r</sup>	David Baker
James Stevens	Aaron Kingsberry	Jonathan Bird
Henry Smith	Jn <sup>o</sup> Pond	Joshua Kingsberry Juner
	Simeon Merrifield	

Twenty Eight have Signed here and my wife has two Brothers that hant Seen this Papper that Said Sume time a go if I got Land in them Partes they would go with me which makes ye thirty men that I Speek of in my Letter who am sir your Hon<sup>rs</sup> most Humble Saveant  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Lauchlen

[*Samuel Lauchlen to Proprietors, 1773.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 158.*]

Roxbury Sept<sup>r</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1773

To ye hon<sup>ble</sup> George Jaffrey Esq<sup>r</sup>

Honored Sir I hope by this time you have had oppertunity to Lay my affaire before ye gentlemen Proprietors and if they have not as yet met upon it I Desier they would this mounth for as I obsaved in my Last that Severael of those man that are Signers To ye writting I Sent you are determend to Look out for a Plase to Settle in this fall So they have aplied to me a gain to know if I am Like to git a grant of a Township or not I told them they might depend on it I would give them answer this mounth without detaining them any Longer I verely thought you would have wrote to me on ye affair before now for if you dont intend I shall have ye Land I Desier you would Let me know it & ye Reason whie you dont for I think I am able to git more men then was fust Spook of to go to Settle ye Land So that I cant See how you can Desire to do any orther then to grant it to me but how Ever I Suppose you are willing to Let me have ye townshipe Seeing it is Likly I may be able to Settle it with Such men as will Likly to husbund it well But you think it is time Enough yet and So I may conclud that is ye Reason I have not herd from you yet: But

as I have Promised to give those men answer this mounth & ye time is a must out (I Should be very Lorth these men Should go a nother way if I Should have ye Land) So I must Desier you to give me answer Soon a Enough for me to give them their answer—& I Deseir that ye answr To my Requist may be ye voise of all ye Proprietours then I Shall know how to Proseed on ye affair with out my Trobleing you with any more of my Letters—Now Sir you know that you advised me to See if I Could git ye twenty men that I Said I thought I could git and altho it was Sum what Singlar to ask man to go Settle a township that I as yet had not got yet according to your Desier I ded & gut 30 men & according to my Promis I Sent Down ther names to your hono<sup>r</sup> & from this I may justly Expect you will grant my Requist & send me answer if you Please by ye Berrer and you will grately oblige your honours most Humble Sarent

Sam<sup>l</sup> Lauchlen

[*Samuel Lauchlen to Proprietors, 1773.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 159.*]

Roxbury, Oct<sup>r</sup> 1/ 1773

To ye Hono<sup>ble</sup> George Jaffery Esq<sup>r</sup>

Hono<sup>d</sup> Sir on ye 22 Sept<sup>r</sup> I Rec<sup>d</sup> your faver of ye 16—ye Contence of Which is that I and my associates may have a track of Land of 12000 Acres of Land upon ye condition that I Settle it with 30 man & you have one half of ye Same: now this is not ac cording to my Request nore yett to what you Said to that if I Could git twenty men to Settle it I might have a townshipe of Six mile Square which is nere duple of what you now Speek of & it was with a vew of having a townshipe that I under tuck to Engage 20 men & in Stead of 20 I have Engage thirty (& I suppose I could have got thirty more if these men should have Liked ye Land) this Plainly Shews you do not only not alow me any thing for my hon<sup>d</sup> Mothers Rite But that you do not do half So well by me as you have don by orthers that have had grants before for I have heard ye Proprietours Say that Sum of ye towns they ded not Resave but only one Single Right in a town & as Co<sup>l</sup> ackins in his Letter to Doct<sup>r</sup> Warrin of Boston Says that you have Resaved only a Single Rite in a town for nineteen twenths of what you have Settled and now Gentlemen if you will not give me a grant of a townshipe Six mils Squar free & Clear or at Least on as good tarmis to me as what Colo: ackins Says you have don to orthers I Shall Look upon it that it will be as well for me to tak ye Sum I have Ben offred allreday or to tak ye offer I have Several gentlemen



to Let them undertak ye whole affair who offer to tak it no Purches no Pay how Lang be before I can git any thing if I should put ye affair Into there hands is unsartin & therefore I mak you this one offer which will Be for your Benifit Becase I shall then be Satisfied & you will by that means Draw a grate Number of men on your Land as well as git this Town well Settled as you will See if these men do go—& now I Desier you to Consider of these things & give me an answer with in thirty days for I have Set no Longer time before I must meet with these Gentlemen at Boston on ye affair & now I hope you will be Directed to what will be most for your Benifit & mine and So I Leve you Serously to Consider of ye whole affair and fully to Determain ye whole of ye matter so that I may know what to Depend on (your giving me a Speedy & Direct answer to thes Well oblig your honours most obdent humble Sarv<sup>t</sup>

Sam<sup>l</sup> Lauchlen

P: S this is now ye 3<sup>d</sup> & Last time and if you will not hear me now I shall conclud you never will and therefore I Shall tak to Sum orther quarter to git my grevence Reedrest I should have dun it Last may only Squir Peirce Desierd me to wate til ye Propri<sup>rs</sup> meat on ye affair I ded & they have as yet don nothing only caused me to delay til now & now I can wat no Longer

W<sup>m</sup> S Lauchlen

[*Andrew Cazneau to Proprietors, 1773.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 160.*]

D<sup>r</sup> S<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Lauchlen has laid before me a Number of papers relative to his right & Title to a large Tract of Land in Your Province which is thought to have regularly descended from Grandfather Samuel Allen Esq<sup>r</sup> to his (Lauchlens) Mother, who rather than be put to the disagreeable necessity of a Law Suit is willing to quit claim all her right on Condition of haveing a Township allowed on which will instantly settle thirty Familys you'll excuse the freedom of my writing to you on the subject as Lauchlen is a Client of mine

I am y<sup>r</sup> humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

Boston Oct<sup>o</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1773  
To George Jeffries Esq<sup>r</sup>

Andrew Cazneau

[*Reply to the Above.*]

Portsm<sup>o</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1773—

M<sup>r</sup> Andrew Cazneau—

I have your letter of y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> accompanying one from m<sup>r</sup> Lauchlen and should have wrote in answer Sooner, but delayed it to y<sup>e</sup> opp<sup>o</sup>

of sending an answer to m<sup>r</sup> Lauchlen which is of this date I perceive you write in character of m<sup>r</sup> Louchlens attorney respecting his claim of land in this Prov: as grandson and heir of Sam<sup>l</sup> Allen Esq<sup>r</sup> & to induce the grant of a Township in consideration of a Quit claim to a Title in allen's right—Geo: Walton Esq<sup>r</sup> late of Newington who married a daughter of Sam<sup>l</sup> Allen Esq<sup>r</sup>, many times within the Space of twenty years past applied to y<sup>e</sup> Purchasers of Masons right for a grant in Consideration of Allen's Title—but the Purchasers of Mason were so well informed that Allen's heirs could hold no title under Allen that they always rejected any the least proposal of a grant on that Consideration not having the least doubt that m<sup>rs</sup> Walton was y<sup>e</sup> daughter of Sam<sup>l</sup> Allen Esq<sup>r</sup> or have they any doubt of m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Lauchlen being a grandson & heir to Allen—but from the Authority of m<sup>r</sup> Gridly and Prat and other good Lawyers are fully convinced that no Title under allen can be held after the decease of the person who conveyed to allen, the Premises being an Estate in tail—however if allen had a good title, he had conveyed his Interest to others—the Title of Allen has been examined by his heirs & assigns both in old & New England, by persons of Consequence who have drop't y<sup>e</sup> pursuit from conviction—and I am well assured other heirs of Allen would long before this time have Supported or pursued that Title could it have been to any beneficial purpose—m<sup>r</sup> Lauchlen has applied to the Proprietors as an heir to allen, but they would not make any grant to him upon a Consideration of a Quit Claim of his mothers right upon that title, but a vacancy of a grant of a tract of land, engaged to others happening at the time of his Solicitation, he proposed to engage a number of Settlers with himself for a grant the Prop<sup>rs</sup> consented to admitt them on the Same Terms and Conditions which the other persons, who neglected to appear, were to have the grant—and if m<sup>r</sup> Lauchlen don't think it worth their while to Settle that tract on the terms proposed no great Injury is done—your writing on the Subject as Lauchlens attorney needs no apology and hope the fredom in which I write to you in answer will not be disobliging from S<sup>r</sup>  
Y<sup>r</sup> Hum Serv<sup>t</sup>—

[*Samuel Lauchlen to Proprietors, 1773.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 161.*]

Roxbury Oct<sup>r</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1773

To ye hon<sup>ble</sup> George Jaffrey Esq<sup>r</sup>

Honored Sir I Sent you a Letter in auswer to yours of Sept<sup>r</sup> Last & if I knew you had Rec<sup>d</sup> it I should have Expected your

answer by this time for I Let you know that if I had ye Land I wanted answer in 30 days as those that had Signed to Settle ye Land about 10 of them was Lik to go to Sum Plase to Settle by that time if not before & now ther is two of them gon but the orthers waire with me Last Night & Say they Dont go til 10 Nov<sup>r</sup> next now I Desier you to Let me know if you have had ye Letter or not & if you have had it I Desier you would give me answer to it by ye next Post if Poseble you can for if I do have ye Land to Settle I should be very Louth to miss of haveing these man altho I might have as many more as good as they for I am very well a quanted with them if I am to have ye Land & you can Let me know it by next Week they would go ye week after & See ye Land that Land you Spook of in your Last you Say Joyn on ye Carve Line East of tamworth I tak that to be on ye East Side of your Province But dont know if it dos or not which you will Let me know if you write again—

By these Lines you may See that these men have grate Desier to Settle a townshipe if one is to be had & if not that they may know it that they May know what to do & as you have moved me To git them to in gage to Settle a town & they have for So Longe time Expecting to have an oppertunety to go & Settle one I think you cant do no Less then to answer my Last Letter & that before they are to go for then I can Let them know what to Depen upon for I am not willing to Desmiss them befor I hear from you if that may be in a few days—

I am Sir your honours Most Humble Sar<sup>t</sup>

Sam<sup>l</sup> Lauchlen

[*Samuel Lauchlen to Proprietors, 1773.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 162.*]

Roxbury Nov<sup>r</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1773

Hono<sup>d</sup> Sir

I Rec<sup>d</sup> your faver of ye 26 oct<sup>r</sup> Last and I Should have answered it before this date but those men That Signed to be Settlers Come to me and Desier me to tak ye Land So that they may have opp<sup>ty</sup> to Settle together in one plase upon which I Reviews your Letter and as I obsave you dont in your Letter alow me to have ye Lest Right to any of ye Land Clamed by mason So I concluded you cant Desier me to quit what Right I think I have Even if I should tak this track of Land to Settle and upon these considerration I am Radey to In gage to Settle ye Land in case ye Land be good & ye Same Laid

out into 100 acre Lots as you obsaved in your former Letter Now these are ye conditions I Expect to have ye Land upon if I have it viz in ye fust Plase I Expect you to be at ye charge of Laying out ye Land into 100 acre Lot and then to give me a good grant of ye Land with a Resave of one half to ye granters—upon my obliging my Self to put on twenty men as Settlers on ye premises to Preform ye stipulated duty of Cultivation that may be a greed to by Each Party: now I must obsarve you Speek of ye grante being mad to me & to my associates—but if I under tak to git ye Land Settled I Shall Expect to have ye grant mad to me with out these men having any Right to ye Land but what I shall give them for Settleing ye Same So I Expect to have ye Land that is Left after Paying ye Settlers Settleing which in ded wont be very much now if you ant willing to mak ye grant to me a Lone upon my obliging my Self to preform ye dutys a greed to I shall have nothing to do with it—but if you do Conclude to Let me have it then I Desier you to Let me know it as Soon as you can for Sence these men have aplyed to me a gin I am Determened to mak a trad with you or Doct<sup>r</sup> Warrin & Sum orther at Boston who offer to Lay out ye Land and give two thirds of a township for ye Settleing of twon But that is father of then they Lik to go if they can have any ner which is 130 miles: N—W—I hope you will give me an answer in a few days Even if you do Let me have it or if you do not: for ten of these men are gon allredy & it may be ye orthers may hear of sum orther Land & that may Sute them so they will Leve me to—if we had not Spent So much time as we have alredy we might have had not only these twenty men but thos ten gon on that Land if they had Lik ye Land by this time thir is Six or 8 that Desieres to go & See ye plase yeat if you git me an answer before ye Snow comes for then they would know how to Lay out thir Bisness a ganst next Spring & so I hope you will Send me word where ye Plase Lays & Let me know ye name of Saveral of ye town that join or that Lay near to ye same for I Suppose we may go from thise Plase much nearer then to go by Portsm<sup>o</sup> I hope you will oblige me by giveing a Speedy answer for I should be glad to have answer Ready for them by the time they are to come to See me a gain: in So Doing you will oblige me who am Sir your honours most obdant humble Savant

Sam<sup>l</sup> Lauchlen

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[*Copy of Reply to Above.*]

M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Lauchlen

I have received yours of y<sup>o</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> Nov' last—and have laid it before the Prop<sup>rs</sup>, who have read it—and they do not incline to make

alteration in y<sup>e</sup> Proposals they made to you and associates, respecting a grant of a tract of land—and if you and they do not See fit to accept it on those terms, you and they may decline, and others may have it—

in behalf of y<sup>e</sup> Prop<sup>rs</sup> I am y<sup>r</sup> hum Ser<sup>t</sup>  
 Ports<sup>m</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1773—

G J—

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[*Conditions of Grant to Lauchlen, 1774.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 163.]

Mem<sup>o</sup> the Proprietors Purchasers of Masons Pattent have Agreed to Grant to M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Lockling & M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Lockling each five Hundred Acres of Land to be laid out in that Gore of Land lying between Leavits Town & Conway Provided that they will each of them make a Settlement on each lot in One Year from date hereof Provided they enter into Bonds for the Terms of Settlement in One Month from the date Nov<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1774—

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[*Petition of Obediah Dudy, 1775.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 163.]

As the Purchasers and Claimers of the land within Mason's Grant have a Meadow in a tract lately called Eaton, near Ossipee Pond, not granted or Severd by them, which Meadow contain's about ten Acres, and on which a few loads of hay may be cut—I desire and Request y<sup>e</sup> favour of Said Owners to grant me the liberty to improve the Same Meadow, till granted or Severed by them to Some other person, and upon their Grant or Severance will relinquish the Same meadow—or to their order—and pray that I may improve it this present year, and if they shall grant me liberty to improve the Same after this year, will give them a reasonable Rent for ye Same—Ports<sup>m</sup> July 8<sup>th</sup> 1775

Obadiah Dudy

witness Lucy Dudley Wainwright

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[*Proposals to Henry Weed, 1777.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 164.]

Mem<sup>o</sup> of proposals for a Settlem<sup>t</sup> a tract of Land of 6 miles square or equal thereto lying on the curve line North & east of Tamworth

between M<sup>r</sup> Henry Weed of Sandwich & the Com<sup>o</sup> of Mason Proprietors that said Weed is to take a veiv of said Land at his own Expence & report to this Com<sup>o</sup> at or before the last of June next & if he likes the Land S<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>o</sup> proposes to dispose of to him & his Associates 25—100 Acre lots to 25 Settlers who are actually to settle & reside on each of said lots that S<sup>d</sup> Com<sup>o</sup> at the cost of the proprietors will clear one good Road thro s<sup>d</sup> Town & build a Saw & Grist mill for the conveniency of the Inhabitants & lay said Tract into lots of such demention as shall be hereafter agreed on—and that M<sup>r</sup> Weed & his associates shall have the offer in preference to others of building Mills clearing Roads &c Portsm<sup>o</sup> May 1<sup>o</sup> 1777—& that the Propri<sup>o</sup> propose to make M<sup>r</sup> Weed some further consideration for his private emolument

[*Contract with Joseph Thompson, 1781.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 164.*]

Portsmouth October 12<sup>th</sup> 1781 In Behalf of the Proprietors of Masons Patent We the Subscribers hereby agree with Joseph Tompson of the Town of Conway That if he build a good Saw Mill and Grist Mill on the Land of the said Proprietors near the Road leading from Conway to Wolfborough and about five miles South of said Town on the most convenient stream there which is to be performed & compleated within fifteen months from the date in consideration of which we engage that he shall have a deed from said Proprietors of one hundred Acres of Land to be laid out so as to include said Mills, or whenever said Mills may be compleated to their satisfaction within said Term—

W<sup>m</sup> Whipple  
John Penhallow  
John Peirce

I, Joseph Tompson within mentioned hereby engage that the mills within mentioned shall be compleated on the terms and conditions therein mentioned—Portsmouth October 12<sup>th</sup> 1781

Joseph Thomson

[*Samuel Lauchlen to Mr. Penhallow, 1784.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 165.*]

Portsmouth July 28—1784

Mr Penhallow

Sir I have weated on Several of the Gentlemen Proprieters and one Send me to a nother and a nother to a nother &c—this ant what I

Expected from our formour Discorse now If you are Determend not to ac comidate the metter in questan I Should tak it as a Faver you would Say So at once, but if you are Desired to do anything that is generous, Please to give me your answer Imedatly for I Dont meane to run from one to a nother on the afair no more for I am Determend To Take the wast Land that Lays with in my Clame as I have offen menced to you—if I cant Settle the afair now with you I might have put it out of my hand before now only you Seamd to show a Disposison to do for me with out my being at that troble from your humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

Sam<sup>l</sup> Lauchlen

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[*A Fragment of Memoranda.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 165.*]

John Knowls of Tamworth in the County of Strafford yeoman—has Trespassed on a lot near the 7 mile tree by Cutting 500 trees and living on the lot

the Above is Called in the Town of Eaton

John Knowls on @ y<sup>e</sup> 7 mill tree

James Head not on

Alkany Hanford not on

Ebenezer Hall on

John Roe on

Jonathan morey

Doct<sup>r</sup> Jackson on

Ebe<sup>n</sup> Garland

Thos Garland

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## EFFINGHAM.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, June 28, 1749, to Nathaniel Gookin and others, and called *Leavittstown*. An addition was granted Dec. 20, 1749. The charter was renewed Sept. 29, 1766. Incorporated as Effingham Aug. 18, 1778. A gore of land was severed from Wakefield and annexed in 1820. North Effingham [Freedom] was set off and incorporated June 16, 1831.

See XI, Hammond Town Papers, 604; Index to Laws, 163; sketch by F. W. Barker, Fergusson's History of Carroll County, 1889, p. 531; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 375; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 14; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 583.]

[*Names of Grantees of Effingham.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 166.*]

For y<sup>e</sup> Center Square 10 Acres instead of Six 50 Acres for y<sup>e</sup> House Lots instead of 100 & y<sup>e</sup> Terms of y<sup>e</sup> Warranty y<sup>e</sup> Same Verbatim as in Jo<sup>n</sup> Sanborns grant

Nathaniel Gookin	Thomas Marston	Samuel Marston
John Wedgwood	Joshua Brown	Thomas Robey
Samuel Smith	John Lovit	John Weeks
Daniel Marston	Jonathan Marston	Rubin Dearborn
Zach <sup>y</sup> Towle	Henery Batchelder	Zach <sup>y</sup> Batchelder
Joseph Knowles	Jonathan Knowles	David Marston
Samuel Batchelder	John Tayler	Abner Fogg
Joshua Brown Jun <sup>r</sup>	Rubin Sanborn	Joseph Moulton
Nathaniel Batchelder	Jonathan Thomas	Jeremiah Dearborn Jun <sup>r</sup>
Eben <sup>r</sup> Rand	Benjam <sup>n</sup> Johnson	John Johnson
John Batchelder Jun <sup>r</sup>	Joseph Page	John Johnson Jun <sup>r</sup>
James Batchelder	Benja <sup>m</sup> Marston	Benja <sup>n</sup> Marston Jun <sup>r</sup>
Benja <sup>n</sup> Potter	Jonath <sup>n</sup> Wedgwood	John Godfrey
Jonathan Towle jun <sup>r</sup>	Elisha Marston jun <sup>r</sup>	Samuil Fogg
Abraham Drake	Jonathan Page	David Page
Nat <sup>a</sup> Batchelder Sen <sup>r</sup>	John Mighell	Daniel Dow
Joshua Wingate	John Wingate	John Philbrick
Winthrop Marston	Josiah Marston	Jerimiah Page
Charles Crimble	Tufts Thomas	Benj <sup>n</sup> Lovit
Josiah Dearborn	Joshua Wingate Weeks	Abraham Towle
Abner Fogg Jun <sup>r</sup>	John Marston	Simon Marston
Isaac Marston	Moses Leavit	Nat <sup>n</sup> Moulton
Jonathan Marston Jun <sup>r</sup>	Ware Drake	Elisha Page
John Weeks Jun <sup>r</sup>	Seth Fogg	Samuel Marston Jun <sup>r</sup>
Rubin Dearborn Jun <sup>r</sup>	Shem Page	Ephraim Marston
Thomas Nudd	Robey Fogg	Thomas Leavitt
Abraham Drake Jun <sup>r</sup>	John Leavitt Jun <sup>r</sup>	

[*Petition of Nathaniel Gookin and Others, 1748.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 167.*]

Nov<sup>r</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1748.

Gent<sup>n</sup> W<sup>e</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Subscribers Inhabitants & Freeholders of Hampton understanding that you are about to grant Some of those Lands which you purchased of Cap<sup>t</sup> Mason & having had Incouragment that we



might obtain a Township upon proper Application We therefore pray that we may not be forgot but that this may Serve as a memento til we can apply in a manner that may be more agreeable to you

Nathaniel Gooken	morris hobbes	Jeremiah Page
Josiah Hobbs	Joseph Hobbs	Ebenezer Samborn
Capt Benjamin Hobbs	Benjamin Marston Juner	Jonathan Page Juner
Reubin Dearborn	Samewell Shaw	Carter Batchelder
John wedgwood	Reuben Samborn	Joshua Brown Juner
Benjamin Marston	Samewell Fogg	Joseph Page
William Lane	William Moulton	John Tayler
Simon Dearborn	Jeremiah Dearborn	Job Chapman
John Philbick	Elisha Thomas	Simon marston Juner
Thomas Marston	Daniel Samborn	Joshua Brown
Timothy Dolton	John Leavit	Samewell Batchelder
David Page	Caleb Marston	Winthrop Marston
Henry Batchelder	Jonathan Wedgwood	James Godfree
Joseph knowls	Edward Shaw	Zaceriah Batchelder
Joseph molton	John Jonson	Benjamin Johnson
Jonathan Page	Jonathan marston	Abner fogg
Benjamin Potter	Thomas Robe	Jonathan Hobbs
Josiah marston	daniel marston	benjmen Hobbs
John Godfree	Abraham drake	David Marston
Zachariah Towle	Jonathan knowes	John Hobbs

To the Hon<sup>l</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> & others Proprietors of Mason's Right So called—

[*Charter of Effingham, 1749.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, June 28, 1749.]

Province of } Portsmouth June 28<sup>th</sup> 1749 Wens'day three of y<sup>e</sup>  
New Hampshire } Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of Sarah  
Prust Widow the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment

Voted That there be and hereby is granted unto Nathaniel Gookin  
Thomas Marston Samuel Marston Joshua Brown Thomas Robey  
Samuel Smith John Leavit John Weaks Daniel Marston Jonathan  
Marston Reuben Dearborn Zachariah Towle Henry Bachelder Zach-  
ariah Bachelder Joseph Knowls Jonathan Knowls David Marston  
Samuel Bachelder John Taylor Abner Fogg Joshua Brown Jun<sup>r</sup> Reu-  
ben Sanborn Joseph Moulton Nathaniel Bachelder Jonathan Thomas  
Jeremiah Dearborn jun<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Rand, Benjamin Johnson John

Johnson John Batchelder Jun' Joseph Page John Johnson jun' James Batchelder Benjamin Marston Benj' Marston Jun' Benjamin Potter Jonathan Wedgwood John Godfrey Jonathan Towle Jun' Elisha Marston jun' Samuel Fogg Abraham Drake Jonathan Page David Page Nathaniel Batchelder Jun' John Mighill Daniel Dow Joshua Wingate John Wingate John Philbrick Winthrop Marston Josiah Marston Jeremiah Page Charles Crimble Tufts Thomas Benjamin Leavit Josiah Dearborn Joshua Wingate Weeks Abraham Towle Abner Fogg Jun' John Marston Simon Marston Isaac Marston Moses Leavit Nath' Moulton Jonathan Marston jun' Wear Drake Elisha Page John Weeks jun' Seth Fogg Samuel Marston jun' Reuben Dearborn jun' Shem Page Ephraim Marston Thomas Nudd Robey Fogg Thomas Leavit Abraham Drake jun' John Leavit jun' John Wedgwood—

Excepting as hereafter herein is Excepted on the Terms Conditions and Limitations herein After Expressed All that Tract of Land Within the Province of New Hampshire Containing the Quantity of Six Miles Square Bounded as Follows Viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at the Province Line Joining on y<sup>e</sup> head or upper Line of a Tract of Land Lately Granted by the Said Proprietors to John Ham and Others and runs thence on that Line of Said Tract One Mile thence on a Square or Right Angle into the Country on that Side and on the Province Line on the Other Side So far as that the Line Running from these lines a Cross to Each Other Parallel to the Line of one Mile in Length Aforesaid Shall Comprehend the Quantity of Six Miles Square. To have and to Hold to them their Heirs and Assigns in Equal Shares (Excepting as Aforesaid) on the Following Terms Conditions and Limitations That is to Say that the Whole Tract of Land Within the Said Boundaries (Saving what is herein After Mentioned to be Otherwise Improved) be Divided into one Hundred Shares or Rights and Each Share Laid out into two Distinct Lots one Of Which to Contain Fifty acres and the Other All the Land belonging to Each Respective Share. That the Whole be So Laid out and the two Lots belonging to Each Share Numbred with the Same Number beginning with one and Ending with one Hundred That the Said Land be So Laid out within one Year from the Granting thereof and then the Lots Drawn for in the Usual manner of Drawing for Lots of Land in the Town of Portsmouth under the Care & Direction of the Proprietors Aforesaid & So to be Done as to Make but one Draft to Each Share

That one Of the Said Shares be for the first Minister of the Gospel who Shall be Settled on the Said Land and Continue During his Life or until he Shall be regularly Dismist to hold to him his heirs &

Assigns and one Other Of said Shares to be for and Toward the Support of the Gospel Ministry there forever, And the Fifty acre Lots belonging to these Shares to be Laid out as near the Place where the Meeting house Shall be built as may Conveniently be Done and not drawn for as the Other Lots. That there be ten acres of Land left in Some Convenient Place within Said Boundaries for building a Meeting house and School house Upon making a Training field a Burying Place and for Such other Public uses as the Inhabitants there Shall See Cause to Improve it—

That Seventeen of Said Shares be and hereby are Reserved to the use of the Said Grantors their Heirs and Assigns and one of the Said Shares be for the use and Support of a School there Forever—That the owners of the Other Eighty Shares make a Regular Settlement there at their own Charge in the Following Manner viz' that Each owner of the Said Eighty Shares build an House of Eighteen foot Long & fourteen foot Wide or Equal thereto upon Some part of his Land and Clear three Acres thereof fit for Tillage or Mowing within Eight years from this time

And that the Said owners build a Meeting house there (upon the Land to be Left for that Purpose as Aforesaid) fit for the Public Worship of God for the use Of the Said Inhabitants within ten years from this time and Maintain the Preaching of the Gospel there Constantly next After Twelve years from this time—

That there be twenty acres of Land left in Some Suitable Place within Said boundaries for a Privilege and Accommodation of a saw-mill which Shall be to him his heirs and Assigns who will build Such mill within three years from this time, with the Privilege of the most Convenient Stream and Place for doing the Same and in Consideration thereof the owner or owners of Such Mill Shall Saw the Logs of the Said owners of the Said Shares and Other Inhabitants there to the Halves for the Term of ten Years next After the said Mill Shall First work—And if no Particular Person or Persons of the owners of the Said Shares or Such as the Majority of them Shall Permit to do the Same will Undertake to do the Same then the Said owners at their Common Expence Shall put the Said Mill under Such a Regulation as that they and Others Inhabiting there May be Seasonably and Reasonably Served by having their Lumber Sawed as Occasion Shall require for building on the Said Granted Premises as Aforesaid

That Each owner of the Said Eighty Shares Pay to Such Person or Persons as the Majority of them Shall Chuse for that Purpose all Such Sums of money or bills of Public Credit as the Said owners or the Major Part of them Shall Determine to be Necessary from time to time & as Occasion Shall require to defrey the Charges of Laying out

Said Land and Other Matters and things necessary to Make a Settlement as aforesaid and performing the Other particulars herein Enjoined and Directed to be Done—That in Laying out the Said Lots Care be taken to Sort them in Such a Manner as to Make the Shares as Equal as Possible—

That the Lots be Laid out in Ranges where the Land will Admit of it and Land left between the Lots for Highways of two rods wide & between y<sup>e</sup> Ranges of four Rods wide And that a Plan of the Whole Laying out be made at the Charge of the Said owners And Return'd to the Grantors As soon as may be Done With Conveniency not Exceeding one Year

That the Seventeen Shares reserved be Exonerated Acquitted and Discharged and fully Exempted from Paying any Charge towards making the Said Settlement and not held to the Conditions of the other Eighty Shares nor Liable to any Tax or Assessment untill Improved by the Respective owners—

That all white Pine trees fit for his Majestys use for Masting the Royal Navy be and hereby are Reserved and are hereby Granted to his Majesty his heirs and Successors for that Purpose.

And in Case Any of the owners of the said Eighty Shares Shall Refuse Neglect or omit to Perform and fully Discharge any of the Conditions Articles Matters and things herein Enjoined Directed & ordered to be Done by the Grantors as Aforesaid he Shall forfeit his Share and Right in the Said Tract of Land and Every Part thereof to the said Grantors & their Heirs and Assigns and it Shall and may be Lawful for them or any of them or any Person or Persons by their order or the Major part of them so ordering in their Name & Stead to Enter into and upon the Part of Such Delinquent Owner and him thence Utterly to Amove oust Expel and Eject for the use of the Said Grantors their Heirs and Assigns Provided Nevertheless and it is the true Intent and meaning of the said Grantors in these Presents that Such forfeited Shares Shall not be Discharged (nor Shall any of them by Such forfeiture) from the Charge burthen and Duty of Settling as Aforesaid and performing all articles Matters and things herein Above Specified, for Each owner of the said Shares to do and the Said Grantors in Case they Shall hold Such forfeited Shares Shall and will do and Perform the Same and in Case of Granting them Again will Enjoin and Oblige the Grantees So to Do—

Provided there be no Indian War within any of the Terms and Limitations of time Above Mentioned for Performing the said articles Matters and things aforesaid to be Done and Performed by any of the said owners of the said Eighty Shares and in Case that Should Happen the Same times to be allowed for the respective matters Aforesaid After Such Impediment Shall be Removed

And in Case any action or Suit Shall be brought against the Said Grantees for the said tract of Land or any Part thereof the Said Grantees are hereby obliged to Vouch the Grantors or Such of the Said Grantees as Shall be so sued Shall so do and the Said Grantors hereby Promise and Ingage they their Heirs Exec<sup>rs</sup> Adm<sup>rs</sup> or Assigns Shall and will at their own Cost & Expence Defend the Said Suit and Pursue the Same to final Judgment through the whole Course of the Law (if there Shall be Occasion) and in Case the final Judgment in Such Trial Shall be Against the Said Grantors the Grantees Shall Recover Nothing over in Satisfaction from the said Grantors their Exec<sup>rs</sup> or Adm<sup>rs</sup> or any of them

[*Addition to Effingham, 1749.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Dec. 20, 1749, and Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 168.]

Province of New } Portsmouth December y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1749 Wen'sday  
 Hampshire } five of y<sup>e</sup> Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house  
 of Ann Slayton Widow—The Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Whereas the said Proprietors at their meeting held at Said Portsmouth on the twenty Eighth day of June last granted unto Nathaniel Gookin, Thomas Marston, Samuel Marston & others a certain Tract of land of six miles Square bounded as follow's (viz') Beginning at the Province line joining on the head or upper line of a tract of Land lately granted by Said Proprietors to John Ham & others and run's thence on that line of Said Tract one mile thence on a Square or right Angle into the Country on that Side and on the Province Line on the other Side so far as that the Line Running from these Lines across to Each other Parallell to the Line of one Mile in length aforesaid Shall Comprehend the Quantity of Six Miles Square—and whereas it is Represented that taking Six miles Square in the manner aforesaid near two miles of the upper part quite across the Said Tract will run upon mountanous Rocky Lands not capable of Improvement—Therefore

Voted that there be and hereby is granted to the Grantees mentioned in the above recited Grant & on the Same Terms, Limitations & Conditions, an Addition To the said Grant of one Mile and one third part of a Mile on that Tract of Land granted to John Ham & others aforesaid and running on a Right Angle into the Country as

far as the Westerly Side line of the Said Grant first made to the Said Gookin & others and then to meet the End of the Cross Line at the head or upper part thereof with the Appurtenances thereof which Addition with the Grant first made to the Said Grantees is to them & their Respective Heirs & Assigns making one intire Tract to hold on the Same Terms Reservations & Conditions Limitations & Exceptions as aforesaid in the first grant—

[*Report of Committee to Lay Out Effingham, 1761.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 169.]

We the Subscribers Being Chosen by the proprietors of Leavitt town to Survey and Lay out S<sup>d</sup> township into Lots accordingly we Set out October the 12<sup>th</sup> 1761 Surveyed S<sup>d</sup> township and Laid out one Devision of Lots about fifty Six Acres Each and Returned home the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of S<sup>d</sup> month Surveyed and Laid out as followeth: Viz: Begining at the Province Line at a Corner tree at the Head of a township Granted by the Purchesors of Masons Patent to John Ham and Others near the Province Pond So Called then Runing from sd Corner on Hams Head Line about two miles and one third of a mile: then Runing North 42 Degrees west Seven miles: then North 48 Degrees East to the Province Line: then on sd Line to the first bounds: the sd Lots Begin three fifths of a mile from Hams Head Line measured on the aforesd Seven mile Line then Runing Parelall to Sd Hams Line three miles: then Runing North 42 Degrees west three miles: then South 48 Degres west to sd Seven mile Line: then on sd Line three miles to the first Bounds which three miles Square we Laid out into one Hundred and two Lots half of a mile in Length and fifty Six Rods in wedth Leaving High ways of three Rods wide to the North East of the Center Range Line and of the Second Range Lines from the Center Each way and also a High way of two Rods wide on the South East Side of the Center tree Cross the Range. Sd Center is Laid out on the Corners of the Lots Number  $\frac{26}{9} | \frac{26}{10}$  the afore sd Lots are Numbred as followeth: viz: the Center Range Line Begining Midway of the afore sd Parelall Line and Runing North 42<sup>d</sup> west is Numbred  $\frac{34}{1} | \frac{33}{2}$  So on in Course and ends with  $\frac{18}{17}$ : the Second Numbred Line Begins one mile Southwestward of the Center line on the Same Parelall Line Numbred  $\frac{68}{35} | \frac{67}{36}$  So on in Course Northwestward and ends with  $\frac{62}{51}$ : the third Numbred Line Begins one mile North Eastward

of the Center Line on the Same Parelall Line Numbred  $\frac{69}{102} \frac{70}{101}$  So on in Course Northwestward and ends with  $\frac{85}{86}$  the other Range Lines are not Numbred: all which will more fully appear by the Plan this we Do make our Return this 17<sup>th</sup> Day of November Anno Domini 1761 In witness whereof we Do here unto Set our hands

Daniel Samborn Jun <sup>r</sup>	} Surveyors
Benj <sup>a</sup> Hobbs	
Benj <sup>m</sup> Hobbs 3 <sup>d</sup>	} Committee
Joshua Wingate 3 <sup>d</sup>	
Simon marston	
Benjmian Page	
Weare Drake	
Samuel Wedgwood	
Thomas Moulton	
Joseph Page	
William M <sup>c</sup> dufee	
moses Leavitt	

[*Report of Laying Out of Effingham, 1762.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 170.]

I the Subscriber Being Chosen or agreed with by the Proprietors of Leavits town to Lot out the Second Devision in S<sup>d</sup> township which was the whole of y<sup>e</sup> Land that was undevided in sd township: & to Lay out a mill Priveledge accordingly I have Laid out all the undevided Land in sd township into one hundred Lots & have Left Land for a mill Priveledge & Returned Home the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of april 1762 Sd Second Division of Lots are Laid out & Bounded as followeth Viz: the first Rang Begining on the Seven mile Line two miles & two fifths of a mile Northwestward from y<sup>e</sup> Home Lots Leaving a Highway in this as also in all the other Ranges of three Rods wide to the Northwest of the Rang Line this first Rang Line Runs North 48 Degrees East Numbering two Ranges of Lots on Sd Line begining on the Northwest Side of Sd Line with 1: 3 & So on & on the Southeast Side 2: 4 & So on thus  $\frac{1}{2} \frac{3}{4} \frac{5}{6} \frac{7}{8} \frac{9}{10}$  the upper Side Ending with 54 the Lower Side with 50 Leaving highways of two Rods wide to the North Eastward of the Number trees Cross the Range on y<sup>e</sup> Side of Every fifth Lot the Lots in generall are one mile Long & one hundred & twelve Rods wide the Second Line Begins 495 Rods Southwest 8 degrees from the North East End of

the first Rang Line then Runs South 48 degrees west to the afore sd Seven mile Line Begining to Number with 55 & Ending with 75 the Lots from 68 to 75 are but 96 Rods wide the third Line Begins two fifths of a mile North west from the North Corner of the first Devision & Runs North 48 Degrees East to y<sup>e</sup> Province Line Begining to Number with 76 & Ending with 86 the fourth Line Begins 495 Rods South 8 Degrees west from the third Line & Runs South 48 Degrees west to the Home Lots Begining to Number with 87 & Ending with 93 then Numbering 94: 95 & So on to 100 on the Lines of the first Devision which Lots are of Differant Length & wedth which may Be found By the Plan Referance thereunto Being had the mill Priveledge is in the 95<sup>th</sup> & 96 Lots in the first Devision which Runs So far into the Second Devision as to Contain 66 acres Each including the mill Priveledg all which will more fully appear by the Plan this I Do make my Return this 17<sup>th</sup> Day of april 1762 in witness whereof I Do hereunto Set my hand

Daniel Samborn Surv<sup>r</sup>

[*Draft of Lots in Effingham, 1762.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, May 12, 1762, Vol. 6, p. 229, Vol. 7, p. 63, and Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 171.]

Province of } Portsmouth May 12<sup>th</sup> 1762 Wednesday five of the  
New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> } Clock afternoon at the House of James Stoodly Inn-  
holder the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment

Voted that the Plan of y<sup>e</sup> Tract of Land granted to Nathaniel Gookin & others and returns of y<sup>e</sup> laying out of the first and Second Division of Lotts as on file, be accepted, and that y<sup>e</sup> drawing of the Lotts be now made at this meeting which were drawn accordingly as on file—



drawn PersonsNames	first Division	2d Division	drawn	First Division	2d Division
1 <sup>st</sup> Benj <sup>a</sup> Marston jun <sup>r</sup> N <sup>o</sup>	20	56	2 <sup>d</sup> John Rindge N <sup>o</sup>	3	73
3. Abraham Drake	91	12	4. Joshua Brown jun <sup>r</sup> . . .	22	50
5. Roby Fogg .	81	81	6. Thomlinson & Mason . . .	84	84
7. John Philbrick	8	68	8. Jeremiah Dear- born j <sup>r</sup> . . .	94	9
9. Joseph Page .	50	31	10. Henry Bachel- der . . .	70	24
11. Joshua Peirce Esq <sup>r</sup> right	10	66	12. Theodore At- kinson Esq <sup>r</sup>	59	99
13. Nath <sup>l</sup> Bachel- der jun <sup>r</sup> . . .	92	11	14. John Moffat Esq <sup>r</sup> . . .	21	55
15. Thomas Wall- ingford Esq <sup>r</sup>	16	60	16. George Jaffrey	80	80
17 Law Lot N <sup>o</sup> 2	83	83	18. Tufts Thomas	14	62
19 Thomas Leavet	86	86	20 Dan <sup>l</sup> Peirce & Mary Moor	32	45
21 Thomas Marston	42	39	22 Benj <sup>a</sup> Potter	64	90
23 Jonathan Page	7	69	24 Winthrop Marston . . .	6	70
25 Law Lot N <sup>o</sup> 1	97	6	26 Nath <sup>l</sup> Bachel- der . . .	49	32
27 Jon <sup>a</sup> Marston j <sup>r</sup>	31	47	28. Solly & March	43	38
29 John Weeks	73	21	30. Abner Fogg .	96	7
31 Jonathan Wedgewood	52	29	32. David Page	54	27
33 Thomas Packer Esq <sup>r</sup>	39	42	34. Reuben Dear- born jun <sup>r</sup> . . .	82	82
35 Samuel Smith	66	92	36. Josiah Marston	61	87
37 Reuben Dear- born	18	58	38. Shem Page .	41	40
39 Ebenezer Ran	27	53	40. Jotham Odiorne Esq <sup>r</sup> right	47	34
41 Daniel Marston	58	98	42 Samuel Fogg	33	2
43 Jonathan Thom- as . . .	48	33	44 Joseph Moulton	63	89
45 John Taylor .	37	44	46 David Marston	51	30
47 Nath <sup>l</sup> Moulton	55	26	48. Seth Fogg .	98	5
49 Nath <sup>l</sup> Gooking	46	35	50. Abner Fogg jun <sup>r</sup>	67	93
51 Benj <sup>a</sup> Marston	71	23	52 Joshua Brown	76	77
53 Thomas Roby	9	67	54 Sam <sup>l</sup> Marston jun <sup>r</sup> . . .	44	37
55 Abraham Towle	85	85	56. John Godfrey	38	43
57 John Leavet Jun <sup>r</sup>	62	88	58. Josiah Dearborn	56	95

## CHARTER RECORDS.

drawn PersonsNames	first Division	2d Division	drawn	First Division	2d Division
59 Charles Crimble	95	8	60 Jon <sup>a</sup> Marston	1	75
61 Joseph Knowles	88	15	62 James Bachelor	93	10
63 Reuben Sanborn	89	14	64 Moses Leavit	23	48
65 John Wingate	34	96	66. Joshua Wingate	100	3
67 Zachariah Towle	45	36	68 Thomas Nudd	90	13
69 John Johnson jun <sup>r</sup> . . .	69	25	70. Samuel Bachelor	24	54
71 Elisha Marston jun <sup>r</sup> . . .	11	65	72 Jon <sup>a</sup> Knowles	5	71
73 John Johnson	65	91	74 John Weeks jun <sup>r</sup> . . .	72	22
75 Meserve & Comp <sup>a</sup>	73	28	76. Daniel Dow .	77	17
77 Abraham Drake jun <sup>r</sup> . . .	79	79	78. Zachariah Bachelor	2	74
79 John Bachelor jun <sup>r</sup> . . .	68	78	80. Mark H <sup>s</sup> Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup> . . .	99	4
81 John Leavet .	78	1	82 Isaac Marston	4	72
83 Jonathian Towle jun <sup>r</sup> . . .	40	41	84 Benj <sup>a</sup> Leavet	17	59
85 Richard Wibird Esq <sup>r</sup> . . .	12	64	86. Weare Drake	74	20
87 John Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup> . . .	13	63	88 Joshua Wingate Weeks . . .	36	46
89 Benj <sup>a</sup> Johnson	60	100	90. John Wedgewood	57	97
91 Jeremiah Page	35	94	92 John Marston	19	57
93 Elisha Page .	29	51	94 John Mighill	28	52
95 Samuel Marston	30	49	96. Simon Marston	15	61
97 Ephraim Mars- ton . . .	75	19	Ministry Lot	26	18
Ministers Lot	25	16	School Lot	87	76

Drawn at the Meeting abovesaid

attest Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>r</sup> Cle<sup>r</sup>  
a true Copy the Record of the Draft of the lotts of township granted to Nath<sup>l</sup> Gooking &c

attest Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>r</sup> Cl

[*Petition of John Leavitt, 1766.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 172.]

Province of } To the Honor<sup>le</sup> Gentlmen Purchers of the Right  
New Hampshire } of John tuften mason Esq<sup>r</sup> as thaire was a Town-  
ship Granted to John Leavitt Daniel marston and others and this is  
to Inform you that the Propiete has Given Good inCorgment to five  
men that will Setele on Said town Ship and as thaire a Number of  
Rights that is not Carred on and for want of Said Rights ben Carred  
on the Said men that was to Seteled on Said town Ship Can not go  
on upon thaire work, and the town Shp Ly Still and this is to Desiere  
you to Grant Liberty to Propiete to Set Saied Rights up at a Pub-  
leck Vendue and aney other thing that you Shall think Proper

North Hampton April 15<sup>th</sup> 1766

John Leavitt in Bhelfe of the Commite

[*Regrant of Effingham, 1766.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Sept. 29, 1766.]

Province of } Portsmouth Sept<sup>r</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1766 Monday five of the  
New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> } Clock afternoon at the Dwelling house of James  
Stoodly Esqu<sup>r</sup> Innholder the Proprietors meet according to adjourn-  
ment

Whereas the said Proprietors on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 1749, made a Grant of all their Right Title Interest, Property & Demand in & to a certain Tract of Land in said Province within the Claim of said Proprietors, Containing the Quantity of Six Miles Square, bounded as follow's viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at the Province Line, joining on the head or upper Line of a Tract of Land lately granted by the said Proprietors to John Ham & others, and run's thence on that Line of said Tract one Mile, then on a Square or Right Angle into the Country on that Side, and on the Province Line on the other Side so far as that the Line run'ing from these Lines across to each other Parallel to the line of one Mile in length aforesaid, shall comprehend the Quantity of Six miles Square to Nathanael Gookin, Thomas Marston, Samuel Marston, and others mentioned in said Grant on certain Conditions and Limitations therein Declared, and in Special that a Settlement of the said Land should be made, within a limited time therein also set forth, as by Reference to the said Grant may at large appear, Which Conditions & Limitations, the said Grantees have not been able to Comply with, and have therefore Surrender'd the same

Grant to the Grantors and have requested of them a new Grant of said Land to be made to the principal part of the said Grantees with some others taken into the Number in the room & Stead of some of the Original Grantees who have resigned or are Deceased or absent whereupon the said Grantors having re-enter'd into said Premises for the Breach of said Terms & Conditions and resumed the Possession thereof and being desirous of Settling the said Lands and Willing to Grant the Request aforesaid—Therefore Voted that there be & hereby is Granted all the Right Title, Interest Claim Property & Demand of the said Proprietors of in & unto the same Tract of Land unto Nathanael Gookin, John Leavit, Abner Fogg, John Weeks William Weeks jun<sup>r</sup> Zachariah Bachelder, David Marston, Isaac Marston, Jonathan Wedgwood, James Wedgwood, Abraham Drake, Abraham Drake jun<sup>r</sup> Daniel Sanborn, Benj<sup>a</sup> Leavitt, Jeremiah Page, Daniel Marston, Simon Marston, Samuel Marston, David Wedgwood, Benjamin Johnson, Jeremiah Dearborn, John Johnson, Jonathan Knowles, John Wingate junior, Benjamin Perkins, Joshua Wingate the third Moses Leavitt, Thomas Marston, Thomas Robie, Samuel Smith, John Shepard, Abner Fogg jun<sup>r</sup> Seth Fogg, Samuel Robie Fogg, Weare Drake, Jonathan Drake Jonathan Marston Thomas Marston John Leavitt Jun<sup>r</sup> Thomas Leavitt, David Knowles David Knowles jun<sup>r</sup> Joshua Brown Joshua Brown Jun<sup>r</sup> John Taylor John Johnson, Levi Dearborn, Levi Dearborn Jun<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Loverin, Henry Bachelder, Thomas Nudd, John Marston, Joseph Moulton, Jonathan Norris Josiah Marston, Samuel Sherburne, Benjamin Palmer, Samuel Wedgwood Jeremiah Avery, James Marston, David Marston jun<sup>r</sup> John Dearborn Nathaniel Drake John Dearborn jun<sup>r</sup> Simon Dearborn, Nath<sup>l</sup> Hobbs, Jonathan Page Jun<sup>r</sup> Simon Nudd, Jon<sup>a</sup> Marston, Simon Leavitt, all of North Hampton in said Province Thomas Parsons, Ebenezer Smith, Thomas Parsons jun<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Smith all of Exeter in said Province, Walter Bryant of Newmarket Jedediah Prescut of Brintwood in said Province, Joseph Towle jun<sup>r</sup> Abraham Towle, Joseph Towle, all of Hampton and Ezekiel Russell of Portsmouth, all in the Province aforesaid, Excepting as is herein after Excepted, on the Terms, Conditions, and Limitations, herein after Expressed To have and To hold, to them, their Heirs & Assigns, in equal Shares Excepting as aforesaid, on the following Terms, Conditions, & Limitations namely, That the whole Tract of Land within said Boundaries (Saving what is herein after mentioned to be otherwise Improved) be Divided into One Hundred Shares or Rights and each Share laid out into two distinct Lots, one of which to contain fifty Acres, and the other all the Land belonging to each respective Share, the two Lots belonging to each Share to have the

same Number but as the Lots were laid out, in the manner aforesaid under the former Grant & drawn to the Persons herein named who were Grantees in that are to hold the Lots drawn, and allotted to them in the former Division and the new Grantees in this who were not named in the former Grant are to come to lot & draw the same here in Portsmouth under the Care & Direction of the Grantors, within three Months from this time—That as all the Terms & Conditions of the former Grant are recorded, & the Grantees being the same Persons a few excepted, the Grantees are to make the Settlement of said Tract of Land in the same manner, and all Exceptions and Reservations are hereby declared, to be the same as in the said former Grant that are not otherwise herein expressed—That those of the Grantees in these Presents expressed who shall fail of settling their Respective Shares & Rights in the manner directed in the former Grant. But within the time herein limited, shall forfeit their Rights & Shares to the other Grantees before herein named, who shall fullfill and perform the Terms & Conditions of this Grant to them, their Heirs & Assigns, And that the said Grantees shall have three Years time from the Date hereof & no longer to perform & fullfill all the Articles Matters & things by them to be done according to the true Intent and meaning of the Conditions, Declarations and Directions aforesaid, above refer'd to—

[*New Grantees in Effingham, 1766.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Dec. 10, 1766, and Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 173.]

Province of } Portsmouth December 10<sup>th</sup> 1766 Wednesday five  
New Hampshire } of the Clock afternoon the Proprietors meet according to adjournment

WHEREAS the Proprietors at their Meeting held at Portsmouth Sept<sup>r</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1766, did grant to Nath<sup>l</sup> Gookin, Thomas Marston & Samuel Marston & others, a Tract of Land in said Province, within the Claim of said Proprietors, containing Six Miles Square & bounded by the bounds expressed in said Grant, which said Tract was granted to said Persons & others the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 1749, but being forfeited & Surrendered to said Grantors, Sixteen of those Persons who were inserted, in said last-mentioned Grant are not inserted in the Grant first-mentioned, but Sixteen other Persons placed in their Stead, & their Lots to be drawn for in Portsmouth under the Care & Direction of said Grantors. Therefore—

VOTED that the said Sixteen Lots or Shares be now drawn for as Thomas Parsons of Exeter appears in Behalf of said Grantees to attend to the drawing of said Lots and said Sixteen Lots or Shares were drawn to & for the said Sixteen Persons as in a Schedule on file—

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 230.]

Province of } At a meeting of the Proprietors of the Lands  
New Hamps' { purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in New Hamp-  
shire, held at Portsmouth, on the tenth day of December 1766, by  
adjournment—

A Draft of Sixteen Lots or Shares of Sixteen, new Proprietors or Grantees in the Tract of Land granted to Nath<sup>l</sup> Gookin Thomas Marston, Samuel Marston &c Pursuant to the Tenor of the Grant, pass'd Septem<sup>r</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1766 Draft as follows viz<sup>t</sup>

	N <sup>o</sup> of first Division.	N <sup>o</sup> of 2 <sup>d</sup> Division.
Thomas Marston	48 . . .	49—
Nath <sup>l</sup> Hobbs	14 . . .	8
Jeremiah Avery	41 . . .	65.
Thomas Parsons jun <sup>r</sup>	24 . . .	26
David Marston jun <sup>r</sup>	11 . . .	36
Walter Bryant	50 . . .	27
John Dearborn	68 . . .	31
Simon Dearborn	54 . . .	10
Jonathan Marston	89 . . .	14
Ebenezer Smith	93 . . .	62
Nathaniel Drake	29 . . .	32
Samuel Wedgewood	55 . . .	27
Simon Leavet	45 . . .	40
John Dearborn Jun <sup>r</sup>	95 . . .	54
Simon Nudd	49 . . .	78
Ezekiel Russell	30 . . .	33

attest Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cle<sup>r</sup>

Thomas Parsons—

in Behalf of Grantees

a true Copy of the Record of y<sup>e</sup> Draft of the Lotts—

attest Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cl

[Improvements in Effingham, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 174.]

Names of People who are are Heads of Familys	N <sup>o</sup> Lotts	Acres Cleard	Acres fell	Sort Houses	Barns
	2 Divis <sup>n</sup>				
Levi Tole . . . . .	96	6	15	38 & 18	
Benj Hilton . . . . .	95	25	30	26 & 24	
James Titcomb . . . . .	1 <sup>st</sup>				
	97	5	6	ab <sup>t</sup> 17 feet	
Andrew Hilton . . . . .	93	17	10	Logg	
Jerem <sup>a</sup> Avery . . . . .	92	0	7	Logg	
Joseph Palmer . . . . .	78 & 79	4	10	d <sup>o</sup>	
	2 <sup>d</sup>				
Jno George . . . . .	92	2	15	D <sup>o</sup>	
	1 <sup>st</sup>				
Josiah Mastin . . . . .	95	½	—	D <sup>o</sup>	
James Dearburne . . . . .	41	1	4	—	—
Josiah Robertson . . . . .	40	1	3	Logg	

Names of People that began	N <sup>o</sup> Lott	Division	Acres Cl <sup>d</sup>	Acres fell
Seth Fogg— . . . . .	92	2 <sup>d</sup>		18
Seth Fogg— . . . . .	98	1		2
Abner Fogg— . . . . .	96	a small House		
d <sup>o</sup> d <sup>o</sup> . . . . .	95	a small frame		
Levi Dearburn . . . . .	98	2	Logg House	3
Josiah Mastin . . . . .	93	1 <sup>st</sup>		2
Jn <sup>s</sup> Taylor . . . . .	37	1 <sup>st</sup>	—	3
Sam <sup>l</sup> Webb . . . . .	67	2 <sup>d</sup>	—	4
David Mastin . . . . .	5	1 <sup>st</sup>		5
Jeremiah Avery part of house	91	1 <sup>st</sup>	8	1
Benj <sup>a</sup> Hilton . . . . .	76	1		3

No Meeting House for Publick Worship—

The above is an Acco<sup>t</sup> of the settlements & Improvements in  
Leavitts Town—surv<sup>d</sup> & examin<sup>d</sup>Leavitts Town Jan<sup>r</sup> 1770J<sup>o</sup> Jotham Rindge & W<sup>m</sup> Blake

[*Settlements in Effingham, 1770.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 175.]

An Account of Settlements in Leavitts Town

First Division Lott N° 95 one House one Saw Mill one Acre cleared

96. one House 2 Acres feld

97 one House, one Grist Mill 12 Acres Cleared

74 One House 3 Acres Clear<sup>d</sup> & 3. feld

5. One House 4 Acres Clear<sup>d</sup> & 2. feld

76. ten Acres feld

94 three Acres feld

37 Three Acres feld

93 One House 8 Acres Clear<sup>d</sup> & seven feld

92 One House 2 Acres Clear<sup>d</sup> & 3 feld

91 One House 12 Acres Clear<sup>d</sup>

78 & 79 one House 8 Acres Clear<sup>d</sup> & 9 feld

40 One House 4 Acres Clear<sup>d</sup> & 2 feld

41 foure Acres Clear<sup>d</sup> & 2 feld

Second Division

N° 96 One House 18 Acres Clear<sup>d</sup> & 10 feld

95 One House 50 Acres Clear<sup>d</sup> & 12 feld

94 Three Acres feld

93 One House 6 Acres Clear<sup>d</sup> 30 feld

92 One House 12 Acres Clear<sup>d</sup> & 20 feld

90 four Acres Clear<sup>d</sup>

89 Three Acres feld

98 One House 6 Acres feld

97 One Acre Clear<sup>d</sup> & 2 feld

67 One House 4 Acres Clear<sup>d</sup>

Portsm° June 13<sup>th</sup> 1770 Returned by { John Leavit  
Abraham Drake  
Com<sup>tee</sup>

[*Excuses of Grantees of Effingham, 1770.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 176.]

To the Honorable the Purchasers of the Right of John Tuften Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> The Grantees of Leavitts (so Call<sup>d</sup>) in the Province of New Hampshire Do give the following Reasons why the Charter of the said Township in not in every respect complied with Viz.

1. The Extraordinary Expence the Grantees have been at in clearing Roads through East Town and a certain gore of Land between East Town and Leavitt<sup>s</sup> Town—



2. The Land in Leavitts Town being very broken and cold and the great Distance from any Settlement where any Necessary Supplies could be had Obliged the Grantees to be at very great Expence in getting & Supporting Settlers there

We the Grantees therefore pray the Lenity of the Honorable Grantors towards the Grantees, as they are doing all within their Power to Promote the Settlement of said Town as fast as Possible—

Portsm<sup>o</sup> June 13<sup>th</sup> 1770 Returned to the above Proprietors  
 by Abraham Drake } Com<sup>tee</sup>  
 John Leavitt }

[*Committee on Effingham Affairs, 1770.*]

[Proprietors' Records, June 13, 1770, and Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 177.]

Province of New } Portsmouth June 13<sup>th</sup> 1770, Wednesday five of  
 Hampsh<sup>r</sup> } the Clock afternoon—The Proprietors meet  
 according to adjournment—

Voted That the Consideration of the Grantees of Leavets Town So called, not complying with the Terms of their Grant, be referred to Daniel Rogers Esqu<sup>r</sup> & m<sup>r</sup> John Penhallow as a Com<sup>it</sup>tee and to Report what they think will be the best Interest of the Proprietors to determine upon the affair, and as Soon as they can conveniently—

[*Report of Committee on Effingham, 1770.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 177.]

Province of } Portsm<sup>o</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1770 We the Subscribers being  
 New Hamp<sup>r</sup> } Appointed a Committee to Examine the State of the  
 Settlements of Levits Town, and the Petition of the Grantees, upon  
 Examination Find that they are Greatly Deficient in their Comply-  
 ance with the Terms of their Grant but upon Considering the Diffi-  
 culty and Expence that they have been Already at, Propose that One  
 Year Longer be Allow'd them to Comply With the Terms of their  
 Grant at the Expiration of which Term all the Deficient Grantees  
 Shares Shall Revert to the Grantors—

upon Examining the Returns of Manadnock N<sup>o</sup> 5 Dated Ap<sup>l</sup> 24<sup>th</sup>  
 1770 we find a Deficiency of 20 setlers out of the 47 which by Char-  
 ter they were to have had in said Town by Dec<sup>r</sup> 1763

[*Thomas Parsons to Proprietors, 1772.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 178.]

Hon<sup>d</sup> S<sup>r</sup> I Beg you to Excuse my Troubling you with the Following lines (viz) Some Time in y<sup>e</sup> year 1766 I was admitted to Offer Some reasons to y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>bl</sup> Proprietors of Maisons Claim why the Settlement of Leavitts Town went on with Little or no Sucksess & had Incoragement if I carried forward my Improvements I Should not Suffer By the Neglect of others, Since which the Grantees have been prevailed with to give a Bounty to Twenty Families for moving into S<sup>d</sup> Township Others with my Self Undertook to perform it the Time for Doing this has been Elapsed Two years or more and there is Now wanting to make up the Number agreed for Five or Six families besides part of those who are called Families their being So Poor that if they ware not Supported By Others Sole & Body could not keep together For the Settlement of Such Banditties & Likewise where there is no Settlements fulfilled the Same Bounty has been Given as for those who have Spared no Cost nor Pains to Answer the Designed End I have Expended at Least five Hundred Pounds Lm & the Improvements made by myself & those I have Settled there being five in Number Exceeds what has been Done by all the Other Proprietors notwithstanding I cannot prevail with y<sup>e</sup> Grantees to Sue those who are faulty and I must now move with my Family into the Town & there reside with those who make themselves wors than Brutes which I think a Great Hardship—

another Hindrance of the Settlement is the non-resident Proprietors Say that they have Paid a Proportion of y<sup>e</sup> Expencc of what has been Done and there rights are as much Settled as those under Improvement or at least if their right is Taken from them they will come in for a Share of those that are Settled it being Done with there money To prevent any more negligence I Pray y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>r</sup> would move it to the Grantors to order the resident Proprietors to Take the advantage of that Clause in the Grant Either to ther own benefit or to the Benefit of the Grantors, which is that those of the Grantees who Do Not fulfill in the Time limited Shall forfeit their rights to those that Do fulfill &c : if Something of this kind is motioned and Carried into Execution it Seems to me it will answer a Valuable End and the Grantees reprimanded for not Prosecuteing those who are Delinquent in Settling what ever I can Serve the Hon<sup>bl</sup> Grantor in Respecting the matter Shall Exurt my Self to the utmost to Do I am S<sup>r</sup> your Most Obedient Humb<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Exeter May 27<sup>th</sup> 1772

Thomas Parsons

[*Report on Survey of Effingham, 1772.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 179.]

Pursuant to my Directions I have Run the lines of Leavits Town and found the line on the Head of East Town Run right & Spotted. The South West line as run and Markt was Eighty rods Short of their Measure according to my Computation & Measure

I then proceeded to take the Course and distance of the Picwacket Road as directed which I accomplished and markt for Hundred Acre Lots as will appear by a plan herewith Exhibited

The Road as it Runs through Leavits Town is Three Miles three Quarters and Forty three Rods, Pine River Bridge is in the Same the width of which is four Rods and Ten feet. The land on Leavits Town Southerly line is from East Town up Two miles and a half very Good the Remainder to the uper End mostly pine land.

From Wolfborough to Leavits town on the Road Considerable good Land until you come within  $\frac{1}{4}$  a mile of Leavits Town line then pine to the line. From Conway Line to the Lot N<sup>o</sup> 14 & 15 Inclusively all the Growth Pitch pine, from the Lot N<sup>o</sup> 16 to the Lot N<sup>o</sup> 47 Inclusively good Land Chiefly a Beach Ridge and from thence to Leavits Town Line all Pitch pine. I am Gent<sup>n</sup> with great Esteem y<sup>r</sup> Hum<sup>l</sup> S<sup>t</sup>

Ebenezer Thompson

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dan<sup>l</sup> Peirce George Jaffry and Daniel Rogers Esq<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup>  
John Penhallow & Peter Peirce a Committee of Masons Propriety—  
Durham Novem<sup>r</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1772

N B the Bound Trees on the Road are double Markt & Number<sup>d</sup>

[*Petition of Inhabitants of Effingham, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 180.]

To the Honab<sup>le</sup> Proprietors Claiming Lands in the Province of New Hampshire Under John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> Humbly sheweth the Inhabitants of the Township of Leavitts Town That in Expectation of a Speedy & Generall Settlement of Said Township they ware Induced to Expose themselves and Substance to the Fatigue and Expence of becoming Inhabitants And being remote from Neighbouring settlements The Burthen of Repairing roads the want of a School and Priviledges of Publick worship upon the Lords Day become Very Burthensome, The roads between East Town settlements and Leavitts Town has cost Leavitts Town Proprietors upwards of one Hundred

pounds L. M; all that has been Done by East Town Proprietors is Cutting out a roade in a Different place, leaving the Slows without so much as one Cosway over them, and the Bridges over Pine River have been Built so Long, that it's Dangerous for man & Beast to Pass over them, Some have in the Year Past narrowly Escaped Loosing their lives The Number of Families Now residing in this Place is Seventeen which contain Sixty four Children the want of Publick worship on the Lords Day and a School of Learning as we Humbly conceive Exposes them to that Degree of Ignorance that in a few years more, their age will not Admitt of a Remedy The Prospect we at Present have of any Considerable number of Familyes being aded to us, Shews a Dull aspect, for Few if any Attemp are making by the grantees for that End an Increse of which we conceive to be our only remedy Your Memorialests Therefor humbly Pray your Hon<sup>rs</sup> would Pint out a remedy whereby this Town may become more Generally Settled and also whereby the road from East Town Settlements and through the gore may be made Passable without Indangering our lives & Substance or allow us that have Fulfilled a Settlement to Take the Advantage of that Clause in the Grant which as we Humbly Conceive Intitles us to those of the Grantees rights that have not Complied With the Terms of Settlement; but without your Approbation shall not attempt or Presume To Do it what way soever your Hon<sup>rs</sup> are Plesed to bring forward the Settlement will be Greatfully Acknowledge by your Petitioners as it will Conduce as we Humbly Conceive to the good and Interest of Community as well as Individuals and your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray—  
Leavitts Town March y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1773—

Benjamin Brown	James Champernon	Josiah Gorge
Samel Dalton	David Hicks	Robert Brown
Thomas Parsons	John Leavitt	James Marston
Jeremiah Avery	Andrew Hitton	Weare Drake
Carr Leavitt	Levi Couse	

[Location of John Peirce's Land.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 181.]

John Peirce has Located his five Hundred Acres of Land Granted by the Proprietors on the Head of Leavittstown & contains Lots N<sup>o</sup> 105 N<sup>o</sup> 106 N<sup>o</sup> 108 N<sup>o</sup> 109 N<sup>o</sup> 110 contain<sup>g</sup> 100 Acres each and are a part of that Division of 100 Acre Lots bounding on the Province Line—

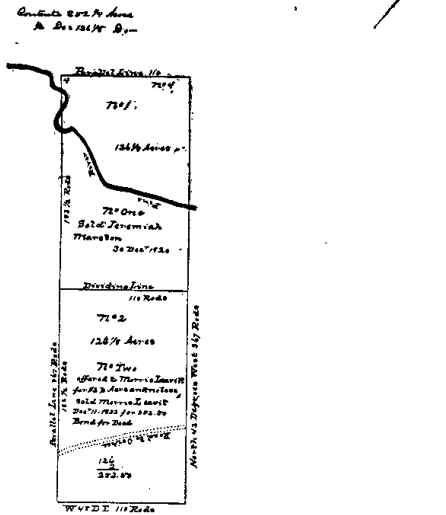
[Valuation of Lots in Effingham.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 5, p. 181.]

Valuation of Sundry Lots of Land in Effingham

Lot N° 84-2<sup>nd</sup> Division estimated at 1.50 per Acre <sup>¢</sup>Cts  
 Lot N° 84 1<sup>st</sup> D° D° at 2.50 per D°  
 Lot N° 4-2 Range, (average price) 1.00 per D°  
 Lot N° 99-1- D° estimated at 2.00 pr d°

[Plan of No. 4, 2d Range.]



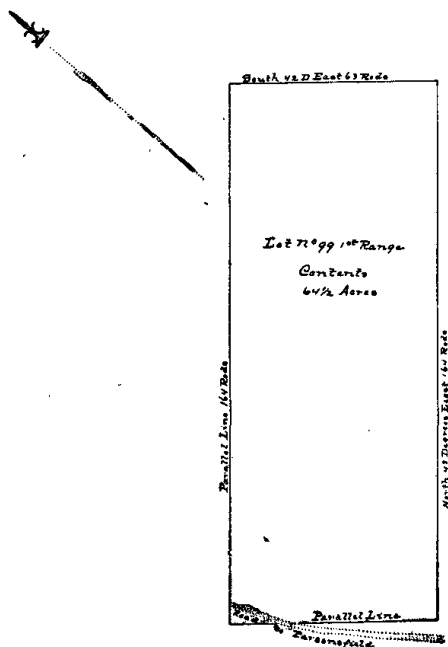
A Plan representing Lot num<sup>b</sup> 4—Second Division & Second Range in the Town of Effingham in right of Mark H. Wentworth Containing 252 1/4 Acres the lines run and marked and Corners renewed and the Contents of the Lot ascertained by Actual Admeasurement  
 B.. Cook Surv<sup>r</sup>

Wakefield 26 May 1820

N<sup>o</sup> 1—75—150N<sup>o</sup> 2 125—250

Protracted by A Scale of 50 Rods to an Inch

[Plan of No. 99, 1st Range.]



A Correct Plan representing Lot numbered 99 in the first Range, and 1<sup>st</sup> Division of Lots in the Town of Effingham in the right of Mark H Wentworth Containing  $64\frac{1}{2}$  Acres—the Lines mark'd & Corners renew'd, and the Contents Ascertained by actual Admeasurement

June 8<sup>th</sup> 1820B.. Cook Surv<sup>r</sup>

light land—has been cut over by trespassers—now bushes—good plough Land worth 12/

Protracted by A Scale of 20 Rods to an Inch

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EPSOM.

[Granted May 18, 1727, to Theodore Atkinson and others. The first meeting was held in 1743.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 246; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 628; Index to Laws, 168; sketch, by J. H. Dolbeer, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 443; Historical Sketch, by Jonathan Curtis, 2, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 321; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 375; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 382.]

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[Vote of Proprietors for Town of Epsom.]

[Masonian Papers.]

One Tract of Land to be laid out at the head of Nottingham & northward of the land formerly Granted to the Children of Col<sup>o</sup> Samuel Allen Deceased and the same to be six miles in breadth and four miles in depth or in such other form as the land ungrant<sup>d</sup> in y<sup>t</sup> place will admitt so as it Contains y<sup>e</sup> Same quantity of Land & the same to be a Town Corporate by the name of Epsom to the  $\Psi$ sons aforesaid forever—

Examind  $\Psi$

Geo: Jaffrey

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FITZWILLIAM.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors as *Monadnock No. 4*, Jan. 15, 1752, to Roland Cotton and others. Re granted May 2, 1765, to Col. Sampson Stoddard and others, and sometimes called *Stoddard's-town*. Incorporated as Fitzwilliam May 19, 1773, and named in honor of the Earl of Fitzwilliam. A portion of this town was included in the limits of Troy, incorporated June 23, 1815. The line between Fitzwilliam and Rindge was established June 17, 1847.

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 670; Index to Laws, 190; History, by John F. Norton, 1888, pp. 829; sketch, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 200; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 151; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 260; Deaths, 1802-'22, 1, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 235; Catalogue of the Instructors, Lecturers, and Members of the Cheshire County Teachers' Institute, April 17-29, 1865, pub. 1865, pp. 50; Confession of Faith and Covenant, Also a Brief History of the Congregational Church, with Catalogue of Members, 1854, pp. 27; Census Report of the Town, 1877, pp. 36.]

[*Charter of Fitzwilliam, 1752.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 1.]

Province of } Pursuant to the Power & Authority Granted &  
 New Hamp<sup>r</sup> } Vested in me the Subscriber By the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of Lands  
 Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in the Province of New  
 Hamp<sup>r</sup> by their Vote Pass'd at their Meeting held at Portsm<sup>o</sup> in  
 Said Province—

I do by these Presents on the Terms & Limitations hereafter Express'd Give & Grant all the Right Possession & Property of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> unto Roland Cotton Josiah Cotton Matthew Thornton Samp<sup>n</sup> Stoddard Thomas Read William Lawrance John Stevens Joseph Blanchard j<sup>r</sup> Isaac Woods Samuel Shattuck Thomas Parker j<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Peter Powers Cap<sup>t</sup> John Chamberlain Maj<sup>r</sup> Zacch<sup>s</sup> Lovewell Benj<sup>t</sup> Bellows Jos: Emerson Jeremiah Shattuck William Spaulding Jonathan Blanchard William Cumings of Dunstable Jonathan Lovewell Sam<sup>l</sup> Cumings Robert Usher Cap<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Cumings Jon<sup>s</sup> Cumings j<sup>r</sup> Joseph Read Samuel Stevens John Woods Daniel Stickney John Honey Eben<sup>r</sup> Peirce Henery Wright Samuel Fowl Paul March Will<sup>m</sup> E. Treadwell Jeremiah Libbey j<sup>r</sup> George Libbey Edmund Grouard Charles Treadwell Nathaniel Treadwell & Jacob Treadwell j<sup>r</sup> of in & unto that Tract of Land or Township Called Monad<sup>k</sup> N<sup>o</sup> four Bounded as followeth Begining at the West Line of Masons Patent So Called Where that Crosses the Dividing Line Between the Province of the Mass<sup>s</sup> Bay & the Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> & runs from thence South Eighty Deg<sup>rs</sup> East by Said Line Six miles to the S<sup>o</sup> West Corner of the S<sup>o</sup> Monad<sup>k</sup> Township from thence North by the Needle by Said Township five miles to the North West Corner of S<sup>o</sup> Monad<sup>k</sup> aforesaid from thence North Eighty Degrees West by Middle Monad<sup>k</sup> Township One Mile & a Quarter to the S<sup>o</sup> West Corner thereof thence North by the Needle two Miles & forty rods & from thence North Eighty Degrees till it Comes to the Patent West Line as Lately Marked & from thence Southerly by that Line to the first Bounds Mentioned To their heirs & assigns To have & To hold on the following Terms & Conditions (that is to say) that there be five hundred acres of Land in Some Convenient place Lay'd out in a Square form in Said Township & Divided Into fifty Lots Also that to Each of the Said fifty Lots there be five Acres of Meadow Lay'd out or Good Land & Coupled to the Said fifty Lots in an Equitable Manner So as to Make them of Equal Value as Near as May be, That there be Lay'd out & Reserv'd for the Grantors two hundred Acres in Such part of the town of Equal Goodness with the aforesaid Lots & that the Remainder of the Lands in Said Township be Divided



Into one hundred & Twenty three Equal Shares & Drawn for in Some Equitable manner all to be Completed at or Before the Last Day of June Next that three of the Afores<sup>d</sup> Shares be Granted & Appropriated free of all Charge one for the first Settled minister one for the ministry & one for the school there forever one Lot for Each Said Shares to be first Lay'd out in Conven<sup>t</sup> place Near the middle of the Town & Lotts Coupled to them So as Not to be Drawn for—That twenty more of the Shares be Reserved for the Grantors their heirs & assigns forever & Acquitted from all Duty & Charge untill Improved by the Owners or Some holding under them Respectively That the Remaining hundred Shares be Appropriated to the Grantees aforesaid in the following manner Viz Roland Cotton four Shares Josiah Cotton four Shares to Matthew Thornton Six Shares to Col<sup>o</sup> Sampson Stoddard twenty Shares Isaac Woods one Share Samuel Shattuck two shares Thomas Parker Jun<sup>r</sup> Six Shares Peter Powers Two Shares Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Reed four Shares Cap<sup>t</sup> John Chamberlain two Shares Maj<sup>r</sup> Zacch<sup>s</sup> Lovewell two Shares John Stevens Esq<sup>r</sup> two Shares William Lawrance Esq<sup>r</sup> two Shares Benjamin Bellows two Shares Joseph Emerson One Share Jeremiah Shattuck one Share William Spaulding one Share William Cumings of Dunstable two Shares Jon<sup>s</sup> Lovewell three Shares Joseph Blanchard Jun<sup>r</sup> two Shares Sam<sup>l</sup> Cumings two Shares Robert Usher two Shares Cap<sup>t</sup> Jon<sup>s</sup> Cumings one Share Jon<sup>s</sup> Cumings j<sup>r</sup> one share Joseph Read two Shares Samuel Stevens two Shares John Woods one Share Dan<sup>l</sup> Stickney two Shares John Honey one Share Ebenezer Peirce one Share Henry Wright j<sup>r</sup> one Charles Treadwell one share Jeremiah Libbey j<sup>r</sup> one Share Edmund Grouard Two Shares Jacob Treadwell Jun<sup>r</sup> one Share William Earl Treadwell one Share Samuel Fowl two Shares Paul March one Share George Libbey one share Nath<sup>l</sup> Treadwell one Share Jonathan Blanchard four Shares—That all the Lotts in Said Town be Subject to have all Necessary Roads Lay'd out thro' them for the future as there Shall be Occasion Free from all Charge of Purchasing the Land; That at or Before the Last day of November A. D. 1755. there be three Acres of Each of the fifty fifteen Acre Lots as aforesaid Cleard & Inclosed by a Particular or General Fence & fitted for Mowing or Tillage on Each of the fifteen Acre Lotts aforesaid & further one Acre more in Like Manner Afterwards Annually till Six Years more are Completed on Each Lot that Within Seven Years from this Date there be fifty houses built in Said town of one room Sixteen feet Square at the Least With a Convenient Chimney & Cellar fitted & finished for Comfortable Dwelling therein & a family or Some Person Inhabiting In Each house & Continue Residency or Inhabitancy & Annually During the Said four Years to Clear Inclose & fit for Mowing or Tillage in Like Manner as Before

Expressed & Each Lot as fast as they are Clear'd & Inclosed as aforesaid to be Improved untill the Whole term aforesaid is Completed So that the Whole of the Land to be Cleard as aforesaid be Subdued & Bro't too that the Several Settlements & Improvements be Done by the Grantees hereafter Named In the Several Proportions Set to Each Grantees Name Viz Roland Cotton two Settlements Josiah Cotton two Matthew Thornton three Col<sup>o</sup> Sampson Stoddard ten Isaac Woods One Tho<sup>s</sup> Parker j<sup>r</sup> three Peter Powers one Thomas Read Esq<sup>r</sup> two Cap<sup>t</sup> John Chamberlain one Maj<sup>r</sup> Zacch<sup>s</sup> Lovewell one John Stevens Esq<sup>r</sup> one Benjamin Bellows one Samuel Shattuck one Jeremiah Shattuck one Jonathan Blanchard one William Cumings one Jos<sup>s</sup>: Blanchard jun<sup>r</sup> one Samuel Cumings one Robert Usher one Jon<sup>s</sup> Cumings j<sup>r</sup> one Joseph Read one Samuel Stevens one Daniel Stickney one John Honey one Eben<sup>r</sup> Peirce one Henry Wright j<sup>r</sup> one Sam<sup>l</sup> Fowl one W<sup>m</sup> Earl Treadwell one Joseph Emerson one William Lawrance for one Jon<sup>s</sup> Lovewell one Jeremiah Libbey jun<sup>r</sup> one That Each of the S<sup>t</sup> Grantees at the Executing of this Instrument Pay twenty pounds Cash old Ten<sup>r</sup> to Defray the Necessary Charges Risen & Arising in Said Township to be Deposited In the hands of Such Person as the Grantees shall Chuse being a freeholder & Resident In the Province of New Hamp<sup>t</sup>, That a Good Convenient Meeting house be Built in Said Township as Near the Center of Said Town as May With Conveniency within ten Years. from this date & ten Acres of Land Reserved there for Public Use—That the aforesaid Grantees or their Assigns by a Maj<sup>r</sup> Vote In a Public Meeting Called for that Purpose Grant & Assess Such further Sum or Sums of money as they Shall think Necessary for Carrying forward & Compleating the Settlement aforesaid & any of the Grantees Exclusive of the three Public Lots aforesaid Who Shall Neglect for the Space of three Months Next after Such Assesment Shall be Granted made & Posted up In the place Where Notice Shall be Given for Calling Meetings to Pay y<sup>e</sup> same so much of Such Delinquents Right Respectively Shall or May be Sold as Will pay the Tax & all Charges arising thereon by a Committee of the Grantees appoint<sup>d</sup> for that Purpose, That all White pine Trees fit for Masting his Majestys Royal Navey Growing on Said Tract of Land be & hereby are Granted to his Majesty his heirs & Successors forever & In Case any of the Grantees shall Neglect or Refuse to Perform any of the Articles aforementioned by them Respectively to be Done he Shall forfeit his Share & Right In Said Township & Every Part & Parcel thereof to those of the Grantees that Shall have Comply'd With the Conditions on their Parts herein Express'd & it shall & May be Lawful for them or any Person by their Authority to Enter Into & upon the Right of Such Delinquent Owner & Any &

Every part thereof In the Name of the Whole of the Settlers that Shall have Complied as aforesaid or the Major Part of them & him & them to Amove Oust & Expell for the Use of those that have Comply'd their heirs & Assigns—Provided they Settle or Cause to be Settled Each Such Delinquents Right Within the Term of one Year at furthest from the Period that is by this Grant Stipulated to be Done as the Condition of this Grant & fully Discharge & Comply With the Whole Duty such Delinquent Ought to have Done Within one Year from the time after the Respective Periods thereof & In Case the Said Grantees fulfilling their Parts as afores<sup>d</sup> Shall Neglect the duty of any Delinquent Owner nor he himself Perform it as afores<sup>d</sup> that then such share or Shares Shall be forfeited Revert & Belong to the Grantors their heirs & assigns & to be Wholly at their Disposal, Allways Provided there be no Indian Warr in any of the terms Limited as aforesaid for Doing the Duty Conditioned In this Grant to be Done & In Case that Should happen the Same time to be allowed for the Respective matters aforesaid After Such Impediment Shall be Remov'd, To all Which Promises I Joseph Blanchard Agent for & In Behalf of the Grantors have hereunto Set my hand & Seal this 15<sup>th</sup> Day of Jan<sup>r</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> Year of his Majesty's Reign A. D. 1752

Joseph Blanchard &amp;


 Seal
a Copy Exam<sup>d</sup> p<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>s</sup> Lovewell Clerk[*Petition of Stoddard and Blanchard, 1765.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 2.]

Province of } To the Proprietors of the Land Claimed under John  
 New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> } Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> Commonly called Masons Grant  
 or Patent May 1<sup>t</sup> 1765—

The Petition of Col<sup>o</sup> Sampson Stoddard & Jon<sup>s</sup> Blanchard—Humbly Shews—

That the Tract of Land called Monadnock number four Granted in your right in the Year 1752 to Sundry Persons named in the Grant the Major part of whose claims were finally vested in your Petitioners But as the Grantees were not able to fulfil the Conditions of the Grant they must and Do hereby acknowledge it is justly forfeited according to the Terms and Conditions in said Grant mentioned And

therefore we do (to avoid further Trouble) Surrender the Said Tract of Land & Pray that after You have caused a Re-Entry & Resumption thereof to be made, You would be pleased to Grant your Right title & Demand in & to the Same to the Several Grantees agreeable to a Schedule herewith Presented being Principally the Same who were named as Grantees aforesaid on Such Terms and Conditions as you shall now Judge Reasonable

Sampson Stoddard  
Jon<sup>a</sup> Blanchard—

[*Regrant of Fitzwilliam, 1765.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, May 1, 1765.]

Province of } Portsmouth May 1<sup>st</sup> 1765. Wednesday five of the  
New Hampshire } Clock Afternoon at the dwelling house of Cap<sup>t</sup>  
James Stoodly Innholder—The Proprietors meet according to Ad-  
journalment—

WHEREAS the said Proprietors on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 1751 Authoriz'd and Impower'd Joseph Blanchard late of Dunstable in said Province Esq<sup>r</sup> to Grant their right, Title, & Interest, in & to the Lands within their Claim to such Persons, as would Ingage to Settle & Improve the same under such Limitations, and Conditions, as were just & reasonable—Pursuant to which Power he on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January—Anno Domini 1752 Granted to Roland Cotton, Josiah Cotton Matthew Thornton, Sampson Stoddard, Thomas Read William Lawrence, John Stevens, and thirty four others, all the right Title, Interest, Claim, Property, and Demand of said Proprietors, of, in & unto that Tract of Land called Monadnock Number four bounded as follows, “Beginning at the West line of Masons Patent so called, “where that Crosses the dividing line between the Province of the “Massachusetts Bay & the Province of New Hampshire, and runs “from thence South Eighty Degrees East by said line Six miles to “the South West Corner of the South Monadnock Township, from “thence North by the Needle by said Township five miles to the “North West Corner of South Monadnock aforesaid, from thence “North Eighty Degrees West by middle Monadnock Township, one “Mile & a Quarter to the South West corner thereof, thence North “by the Needle two Miles & forty rods, and from thence North Eighty “Degrees, till comes to the Patent West Line, as lately marked, “and from thence Southerly by that Line, to the first Bounds men- “tioned.” To have and to hold to them their Heirs and Assigns, on the Terms and Conditions, in said Grant expressed, with a right of

re Entry reserved on the failure or Default of performing, and fully complying with the same, as may more fully appear by reference to said Grant. And whereas the said Grantees have Incurr'd the forfeiture of said Grant by not fulfilling the said Conditions within the Term limited, and tho' by Sufferance and forbearance, a longer time has been allowed, which yet has not availed—Whereupon the Grantors have Re-Enter'd, & resumed the Possession of said Tract of Land, & the said Grantees acknowledging their Neglect and Default herein, and the said right of resumption have peaceably Surrendered the same, and have Petition'd the said Proprietors to make a new Grant thereof to the Petitioners (principally the former Grantees) all which having been duly Consider'd, and also that many of them had done something in order to Improvement, and that it wou'd be more Equitable they should have the Advantage thereof than Strangers—

THEFORE

VOTED That all the right, Title, Interest, Property, Claim and Demand of the said Proprietors be & hereby is Granted to Col<sup>o</sup> Sampson Stoddard Esq<sup>r</sup> Edmund Grouard, Jacob Treadwell Jun<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Lovewell and Nineteen others, whose names are mentioned in the Schedule or List hereunto Annex'd, making twenty three in the whole, in & to the said Tract of Land, above Described on the Terms, Conditions, and Limitations hereafter Expressed—To have and to hold to them & their Several and respective Heirs & Assigns in Severalty, as the same has been Divided into Seperate lots, and as the said Lots are Number'd, and Set to the Respective names in said Schedule on the following Terms, Conditions, & Limitations—

FIRST That twenty of the Shares as the same are Severed allotted, and Divided, Numberd & fixed to the Several names in the said Schedule be & hereby is reserved to the use of the Grantors, their Heirs & Assigns free & Exempted of & from all charges of Settlement, and all other Charges until Improved by them their Heirs & Assigns and also that two hundred Acres laid out for the Grantors at the North Easterly part of said Tract of Land, as appears by said Schedule, and a Plan thereof be in like manner reserved to them, their Heirs and Assigns—

SECONDLY That three of the aforesaid Shares be and hereby, are Appropriated, one for the first Settled Minister, one for the use of the Ministry, and one for the use of a School on said Tract of Land when Settled—

THIRDLY that the remaining Shares be & hereby are granted and appropriated to the Several Persons and Sever'd to them respectively, as is mentiond & number'd in said Schedule, and each Lot of Land in said Tract shall be Subject to have necessary highways laid out

thro' them, as there shall be Occasion hereafter, free from the Charge of Purchasing the Land; that is the owners of said Lots shall not be paid for that part thereof which shall be so necessarily laid out in high Ways, untill an Incorporation, & then to come under the rules of Law in that Regard—

FOURTHLY That the Grantees aforesaid (Subject to the duty of Settlement) Build Fifty houses on said Tract of Land, such Shares to have one house, on one of the Lots belonging to it respectively, as the Grantees shall Determine by Regular votes, according to their Interests, within three Years from the Date hereof each house to be built so as to have one Room Sixteen feet Square or Equal thereto, and also to have Twelve Acres of Land, Cleared, & fitted for Tillage Pasturing & Mowing within the Term of three Years, and to add an Acre more Annually, till the Inhabitants there shall be Incorporated, on Each share, the said houses to be well fitted and made Comfortable habitations and the said Land to be cleared in a good Husbandman-like manner, and every Particular Grantee aforesaid shall pay his due Proportion of all Taxes & Charges necessary to the making said Settlement in the articles aforesaid & in what follows on Pain of forfeiting his right in said Land, or so much thereof, as shall answer his Proportion of such Taxes & Charges, to be Dispos'd of by a Com<sup>tee</sup> Chosen by a Major part of the Grantees (appointed for that Purpose)—

FIFTHLY the said Grantees shall build a Convenient Meeting house for Publick Worship within Five years from the Date hereof, and shall maintain constant preaching there from after the term of Six Years from the Date hereof—

SIXTHLY all white Pine Trees growing on any part of said Land, tho' Severed into Lots are hereby reserved, that are fit for his Majesty's use for that Purpose, to him, his Heirs & Successors—

SEVENTHLY If the Grantees shall fail & make Default of completing the Settlement according to the Terms, & Limitations aforesaid, it shall be Lawful to & for the said Proprietors and their Successors to re enter into & upon the said Tract of Land to Resume the same and to become Re-Seized thereof, as in their former Estate, and as if this Grant had not been made—



[Draft of Lots in Fitzwilliam, 1765.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 189, and Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 3.]  
 The Schedule of the Grantees of the Tract of Land called Manadnock Number four, with the Drafts of the Lots & those reserved for the Grantors & publick Lots—

	Draft	No	Range	No	Range		Draft	No	Range
Col <sup>o</sup> Sampson Stoddard	1	6	12	15	9	Edmund Grouard	2	1	12
Jacob Treadwell Jun <sup>r</sup>	3	3	12	13	8	Jon <sup>a</sup> Lovewell	4	4	12
Col <sup>o</sup> Stoddard	5	5	12	14	9	Benj <sup>t</sup> Bellows	6	7	12
Col <sup>o</sup> Stoddard	7	8	12	12	7	Matthew Thornton	8	9	12
Brooks	9	10	12	17	7	Thomas Spaulding	10	11	12
Matthew Thornton	11	12	12	16	5	M. Thornton	12	13	12
Meserve & others	13	1	1	1	2	John Honey	14	15	12
Col <sup>o</sup> Stoddard	15	16	12	17	4	Nath <sup>l</sup> Treadwell	16	17	12
Abel Lawrence Esq <sup>r</sup>	17	18	12	11	6	Colo Stoddard	18	19	12
Paul March	19	10	12	9	9	James Reed	20	21	12
Col <sup>o</sup> Stoddard	21	1	11	6	9	John Wentworth	22	12	8
John Kinde	23	2	9	2	11	Edmund Grouard	24	4	11
Matthew Thornton	25	5	11	11	9	Solly & March	26	3	11
Col <sup>o</sup> Wallingford	27	4	9	5	5	Mark H <sup>r</sup> Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup>	28	5	6
Thomas Spaulding	29	9	11	9	7	The heirs or assigns	30	10	11
Brooks	31	11	11	11	10	of G Libbey	32	12	11
Matthew Thornton	33	13	11	15	10	Collo Stoddard	34	14	11
James Reed	35	15	11	13	6	James Reed	36	16	11
Col <sup>o</sup> Stoddard	37	17	11	17	8	Charles Treadwell	38	6	8
Joshua Peirce	39	7	9	7	11	Geo: Jaffrey	40	20	11
Col <sup>o</sup> Stoddard	41	21	11	7	16	Abel Lawrence Esq <sup>r</sup>	42	1	10
Col <sup>o</sup> Stoddard	43	3	10	8	10	John Stevens	44	4	10
						Colo Stoddard			



## CHARTER RECORDS.

	Draft	No	Range	No	Range		Draft	No	Range	No	Range
Colo Stoddard	45	5	10	6	10		Nathl Peirce	46	8	3	9
Colo Stoddard	47	12	10	5	9		Thomas Packer	48	8	3	5
Joseph Blanchard	49	10	5	15	1		William Parker	50	15	2	9
Colo Stoddard	51	20	10	4	8		Colo Stoddard	52	22	12	3
Colo Stoddard	53	22	11	5	2		Colo Stoddard	54	21	10	5
Colo Stoddard	55	22	10	3	6		Colo Stoddard	56	23	10	8
John Stevens	57	1	9	18	9		William Earl Treadwell	58	3	9	8
Colo Stoddard	59	17	9	13	3		James Reed	60	19	9	4
Colo Stoddard	61	20	9	4	7		Colo Stoddard	62	21	9	10
Colo Stoddard	63	22	9	23	9		Matthew Thornton	64	1	8	1
Colo Theodr Atkinson	65	15	4	14	10		James Reed	66	5	8	12
M. Livermore	67	14	12	16	10		Colo Stoddard	68	8	5	4
Colo Stoddard	69	10	8	6	4		Noah Emery of Kittery	70	18	5	8
Sampson Stoddard Junr	71	18	8	10	3		Jon* Lovewell	72	8	2	10
Colo Stoddard	73	20	8	23	8		Jon* Willson	74	21	8	2
Colo Stoddard	75	3	7	5	7		Colo Stoddard	76	6	7	1
Colo Stoddard	77	7	7	19	7		John Woods	78	8	7	23
Colo Stoddard	79	18	7	23	6		Colo Stoddard	80	20	7	7
Colo Stoddard	81	21	7	14	3		Colo Stoddard	82	1	6	22
Colo Stoddard	83	2	6	12	3		Colo Stoddard	84	18	10	13
Colo Stoddard	85	9	6	10	1		Thomlinson & Mason	86	17	6	11
Colo Stoddard	87	18	6	14	2		James Reed	88	19	6	13
Jotham Odiorne	89	19	8	19	10		Colo Stoddard	90	21	6	22
Colo Stoddard	91	1	5	3	3		Colo Stoddard	92	2	5	6
Jon* Blanchard	93	4	5	11	1		James Reed	94	6	5	5
Colo Stoddard	95	7	5	13	1		Sampson Stoddard Junr	96	8	5	12
Colo Stoddard	97	19	5	18	4		Matthew Thornton	98	20	5	14
Colo Stoddard	99	21	5	7	2		Jon* Lovewell	100	2	8	5
Colo Stoddard	101	1	4	8	4		Cap* Benj* Edwards	102	2	4	7
							The heirs or Assigns				4

Capt Benj <sup>a</sup> Edwards . . . . .	103	3	4	6	1	of Jer <sup>s</sup> Libbey . . . . .	104	5	4	21	4
Abel Lawrence Esqr . . . . .	105	7	4	23	4	Math <sup>w</sup> Thornton . . . . .	106	11	4	22	4
Jon <sup>a</sup> Willson . . . . .	107	14	4	19	4	Richard Whbird Esqr . . . . .	108	19	11	20	6
Colo Stoddard . . . . .	109	1	3	14	5	Colo Stoddard . . . . .	110	2	3	15	5
Benj <sup>a</sup> Bellows . . . . .	111	4	3	5	3	John Moffatt . . . . .	112	6	3	7	3
James Reed . . . . .	113	9	3	10	2	Colo Stoddard . . . . .	114	9	10	22	5
Colo Stoddard . . . . .	115	16	3	16	2	Colo Stoddard . . . . .	116	2	2	3	2
Peirce & Moor . . . . .	117	23	11	23	12	Colo Stoddard . . . . .	118	12	2	2	1
Daniel Millen . . . . .	119	15	8	8	1	Colo Stoddard . . . . .	120	4	1	5	1
For the Ministry . . . . .	121	12	5	16	1	for the first } . . . . .	122	11	7	7	8
For a School . . . . .	123	11	5	3	1	Settled Minister } . . . . .					
Colo Stoddard . . . . .		22	8	14	8	200 Acres laid out } . . . . .					
Colo Stoddard . . . . .		14	6	14	7	for the Grantors at the } . . . . .					
the same . . . . .		15	6	15	7	North Easterly part } . . . . .					
the same . . . . .		16	6	16	7	of the Town as <sup>an</sup> plan } . . . . .					
the same . . . . .		17	1	17	2	Exh <sup>d</sup> herewh } . . . . .					
the same . . . . .		17	3	9	1						
the same . . . . .		18	3	19	3						

Sampson Stoddard  
Jon<sup>a</sup> Blanchard  
Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>r</sup> CI

May 1, 1765 this Schedule Exh<sup>d</sup> by  
a true Copy of the Return of Record attest

[*Account of James Reed, 1768.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 4.*]

Monadnock N° 4 August the 11—1768

an account of the monis paid by James Reed for Lands Bought in said Township the Consideration of Each Deed Paid to Thomas Read of Wasford in the year 1763

To Jonathan Blanchard Esq <sup>r</sup> in the year 1764	£45.16. 8
To Sampson Stoddard Esq <sup>r</sup> in the year 1765	£71. 6. 8
To Benjamin Ballows Esq <sup>r</sup> in 1765	£13. 6. 8
To mr Daniel mellen in 1766	£53.12. 8
To Henry Gould in 1767	£18. 6. 8
To mr Daniel mellen in 1768	£22. 8. 0

Total £238. 7. 4

The Number of Days I James Reed have spent at work on Roads in monadnock N° 4 and in what years—

in the year 1764 worked on the Roads	80 Days and one half Day
in 1765 worked on the Roads	115 Days
in 1766 worked on the Roads	107 Days
in 1767 worked on the Roads	8 Days
in 1768 to the 11 of August worked	<u>13 Days</u>

Total Days 323

Atast

James Reed —

[*James Reed's Return, 1768.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 5.*]

A Return Made by James Reed of all the Lotts of Land bought by him in monadnock N° 4 of whom Bought with the Number of Each Lott in what Rang and the Numbers that have Houses on and the Numbers that have work Don on them and not houses—

the Number of Lots	in what Rang	of whom Bought	the Number of Lots with famelys	the Lots worked on and no famely	one Lott the famely Burnt out
No 12	in 1 Rang	Thomas Reed Esq <sup>r</sup>	A famely on	—	—
Do 12	Do 4	Do	—	—	—
Do 2	Do 5	Do	—	—	—
Do 3	Do 5	Do	—	—	—
Do 5	Do 8	Do	—	worked on	—
Do 16	Do 8	Do	A famely on	—	—
Do 14	Do 11	Do	—	—	—
Do 15	Do 11	Esq <sup>r</sup> Blanchard	—	—	—
Do 13	Do 6	Do	—	—	—
Do 13	Do 2	Do	A famely on	—	—
Do 12	Do 6	Do	—	—	—
Do 21	Do 12	Do	—	—	—
Do 17	Do 6	Do	—	—	Burnt out
Do 19	Do 9	Do	—	—	—
Do 10	Do 4	Do	—	—	—
Do 9	Do 3	Do	—	—	—
Do 10	Do 2	Do	—	—	—
Do 16	Do 6	Coll Stoddard	A famely on	—	—
Do 7	Do 1	Do	—	worked on	—
Do 10	Do 1	Do	A House on	—	—
Do 7	Do 2	Do	—	worked on	—
Do 14	Do 2	Do	A Houses on	—	—
Do 17	Do 8	Do	—	worked on	—
Do 21	Do 9	Do	A famely	—	—
Do 14	Do 3	Do	—	worked on	—
Do 16	Do 3	Do	—	—	—
Do 17	Do 2	Do	—	worked on	—
Do 7	Do 12	Coll Balows	—	—	—
Do 13	Do 9	Do	A famely on	—	—
Do 15	Do 5	mellen	A famely on	—	—
Do 14	Do 8	Do	A famely on	—	—
Do 15	Do 8	Do	—	worked on	—
Do 15	Do 7	Gould	—	worked on	—

August the 11 1768 I Bag Leve to Say that on Lott No 16 in the 8 Rang I have Bult A house 38 feet Long and 30 feet wide and A Barn 41 feet Long with an ADition of 18 feet for A Stabel at one Eand of it and my improvements sumthing Considrabel on the Lotts—No 15-16-17 in 8 Rang—

Signed James Reed—

[*Regrant of Certain Lots, 1768.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Aug. 18, 1768.]

Province of } Portsmouth August 18<sup>th</sup> 1768 Thursday ten of  
 New Hampshire } the Clock before Noon The Proprietors meet at the  
 Dwelling House of James Stoodly Esqu<sup>r</sup> Innholder according to ad-  
 journment—

Whereas the Said Proprietors at their Meeting held at Portsmouth on Wednesday the first Day of May 1765 made a Grant of their Right to that Tract of Land Called & Known by the Name of Menadnock Number four bounded as is Expressed in Said Grant on their Records which they had Resum'd as forfeited by former Grantees to Col<sup>o</sup> Sampson Stoddard Edmund Grouard Jacob Treadwell Jun<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Lovewell & Others, Whose Names were Expressed in a Schedule thereto Annexed Making twenty three in the whole to hold to them & their Respective heirs in Severalty, as the Same had Before that Time been Divided—on the Terms & Conditions therein Expressed & Declard

And Whereas Sundry of the Grantees Last mentioned have Neglected to Take any Care or Do any thing Towards a Settlement & Neglect to pay the Necessary Charges & Taxes for Settling Said Township or Pursuing any Measures to that End Which Defeats the Design of the Proprietors in Granting the Same & Justly Incur's a forfeiture of the Rights & Shares of such Grantees to the Said Proprie<sup>rs</sup>

Therefore the Said Proprietors having Examined the Circumstances of the Settlement and it appearing that many Persons are Carrying on the Same & have Lived on the Land with their Familys the Removal of Whom wou'd be a hardship, Do hereby Resume the Rights & shares of the Sundry Persons whose Names are hereunto Annexed as forfeited, for the Reasons aforesaid and Do by these Presents Grant & Convey all the Right Title Interest property & Demand of Said Proprietors in & to Such forfeited shares & Lots To the Several Persons Whose Names are Also Expressed & Declared as New Grantees they Performing & Complying With the Terms & Conditions in the Grant made the first day of May aforesaid & have hereby Granted & allowed to them for that Purpose the Term of Twelve Months from the Date hereof & upon their Complying with the Said Terms the Property & Interest of Said Proprietors to Said Lots is hereby Declared to be Given to the Respective Grantees their heirs & Assigns; but upon Failure of any of the Grantees in the Performance of any one of the Conditions above Referr'd to & within the Time abovesaid the Premises to Revert & Remain to the Grantors to be by them Disposed of as they Shall think fitting—

A List of the forfeited Shares in Monadnock Number four above Referr'd to Viz—

John Honey 1 Share	Abel Lawrance three Shares
Edmund Grouard 2 Shares	Jonathan Lovewell three shares
heirs of George Libbey 1 share	heirs of Jeremiah Libbey one share
John Stevens 2 Shares	Jonathan Willson two shares
Jacob Treadwell j <sup>r</sup> 1 Share	Charles Treadwell one share
Nathaniel Treadwell 1 share	Benjamin Edwards two shares—

Portsmouth August 17<sup>th</sup> 1768—

A List of the Grantees in Menadnock Number four to Whom the forfeited Shares aforesaid are Granted together with a List of the Lots Viz,—

		R.	N <sup>o</sup>	R.
M <sup>r</sup> Daniel Millen	Lots N <sup>o</sup> 4.	12.	11.	8
		8.	2.	9.
		2.	8.	2.
		15.	12.	16.
William Pierce	Lots N <sup>o</sup> 21.	8.	11.	2
		14.	4.	19.
		2.	4.	20.
		3.	4.	6.
Abraham Durant Jun <sup>r</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 1.	9.	18.	9
		1.	10.	2.
Moses Parker	N <sup>o</sup> 18.	12.	11.	6
		7.	4.	23.
		20.	11.	4.
Jeremiah Butterfield		1.	12.	2.
		4.	11.	10.
Joseph Symes		5.	4.	21.
George Libbey		10.	11.	10.
Charles Treadwell		16.	11.	13.
Nathaniel Treadwell		17.	12.	10.
Jacob Treadwell Jun <sup>r</sup>		3.	12.	13.

[Return of Improvements in Fitzwilliam, 1768.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 6.]

A Return made to the Masonian Proprietors on what Lotts of Land in Monadnock No 4 in the Province of New Hampshire work is Don with A Distinction between those Lotts that have Houses or Camps on them and Those that have not —

the Number of Lotts worked on	In what Rang	the Lotts with House or Camp on them	the Number of those Lotts worked on and Neither house Nor Camp
Number 1	in the 1 Rang	—	work Don no House
Do 2	Do	—	Do
Do 3	Do	—	Do
Do 7	Do	—	Do
Do 9	Do	A House and family	—
Do 10	Do	Do	—
Do 11	Do	Do	—
Do 12	Do	Do	—
Do 13	Do	Do	—
Do 6	in 2 Rang	A Sawmill	—
Do 7	Do	—	work Don no House
Do 11	Do	—	Do
Do 12	Do	A family on	—
Do 13	Do	Do	—
Do 14	Do	A House no family	—
Do 17	Do	—	worked on no House
Do 13	in 3 Rang	—	worked on no House
	in 4 Rang	nothing Don	—
	in 5 Rang	A Sawmill	—
Number 13	Do	A House and family	—
Do 15	Do	A Camp and Improvements	—
Do 16	Do	A House and family	—
Do 17	Do	A House and family	—
Do 19	Do	A Camp and worked on	—
Do 6	in 6 Rang	A family	—
Do 7	Do	—	worked on
Do 14	Do	A family	—
Do 15	Do	Do	—
Do 16	Do	Do	—
Do 17	Do	A family Burnt out	—
Do 18	Do	Do	—
Do 21	Do	—	worked on

the number of Lotts worked on	In what Rang	the Lotts with House or Camp on them	the number of those Lotts worked on and Neither house Nor Camp
Lott number 22	in the 6 Rang	A family	—
Do 23	Do	A family	—
Do 4	in 7 Rang	Do	—
Do 12	Do	A House no family	—
Do 14	Do	A family	—
Do 15	Do	—	worked on no family
Do 16	Do	—	Do
Do 23	Do	—	Do
Do 5	in the 8 Rang	—	Do
Do 14	Do	A family	—
Do 15	Do	—	worked on no family
Do 16	Do	A family	—
Do 17	Do	—	worked on
Do 18	Do	—	Do
Do 20	Do	A family	—
Do 23	Do	A Cornmill	—
Do 13	in the 9 Rang	A family	—
Do 21	Do	Do	—
Do 23	Do	Do	—
Do 23	in the 10 Rang	A family	—

in the 11 and 12 Ranges there is Nothing Don—  
 monadnock No 4 August the 26 1768  
 A True Return made by

Benjamin Bigelow }  
 James Reed } Committee  
 Aaron garfield }

[*Petition of James Reed, 1768.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 7.*]

Province of } To the Proprietors of the Land Clamed under  
 New Hampshire } John Tufton mason Esq<sup>r</sup> Commonly Called masons  
 Grant or Patent—

The Pettition of James Reed of monadnock No 4 in said Province  
 Humbly Shews that your Pettitiner Served in the Proventchal Rige-  
 ments of the masachusetts from the year 1755 to the year 1762 bothe



years included had the Honor to Command A Company Each year—  
 in the year 1763 and Since your Pettitior hath bought in Said  
 monadnock No 4 34 Lotts of unimproved Land for which I have Paid  
 £238-7-4 Lawfull money and have made Sumthing of Improve-  
 ments on 19 of the Said 34 Lotts Eleven of which have Houses on  
 them of the fowloing Dementions one of 38 feet by 30 Do-24-by 18  
 Do-27-by 27 Do 24-by 18 Do 28-by 26 Do 22-by 18 Do 22-by 18  
 Do 26-by 24 Do 28-by 26 Do 25-by 18 Do 22-18 Each House a  
 family in Except one one House besids the Above Number 24 by 18  
 was Consumed by fire Last April—

and your Pettitior hath worked on the Roads in said Township 324  
 Days with men and 25½ Days with oxen—

as your Honors have Re Entered and Resumed the Possession of  
 said Tract of Land 2 Tims Since your Pettitior Entred and on the 17  
 of August Last was Pleased to Resume the Rights and shares of sun-  
 dry Persons as forfeited and Did Grant and Convey the Interest  
 there of To New Grantees—and as your Pettitior Holds no Land in  
 said Township but by Purchas Would Humbly Pettition to your  
 Honors if Cause Should Apear for a Re Entrey on any of the Rights  
 in any of the Townships Granted by your Honors that your Honors  
 would bee Pleased to Grant to your Pettitior A number of Rights he  
 flating him Self that it will bee in his Power to make A Good Pro-  
 grass as your Pettitior in Duty bound shall Ever Pray—

Monadnock No 4

James Reed

December the 1-1768

[*Petition of James Reed, 1769.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 8.*]

Province of } To the Lord Proprietors of Mason's Patent in said  
 New Hampshire } Province—

The Humbly Pettition of James Reed of Monadnoc N° 4 in said  
 Province Gent: in behalf of himself and other Settlers there, Shewes,  
 That your Petitioner in y<sup>e</sup> Year A D 1763 purchas'd of the then  
 Grantees of said Monadnoc thirty five Lots there, and hath lived there  
 constantly with a Large Family ever Since, hath made improvements  
 on Nineteen of said Lots, upon Eleven of which, he hath Erected and  
 built good Tenantable Houses—Your Petit' hath worked three hun-  
 dred and forty Days with Men and Oxen to clear and make Roads in  
 said Monadnoc—That the Conditions of the last Grant of Said Monad-  
 noc, Require A majority of the Grantees to vote any Delinquent's  
 Right forfeit, which is almost impracticable under the present Circum-

stances, because the major Part of the Grantees or Voters are non Resident and they mostly delinquents, and do not incline to Vote their Rights forfeited, by Means whereof many Rights in said Monadnoc have no Duty done on them; And the Settlement thereof much Retarded; and the Principal Part of the Charges yet arisen fall upon the Settlers—Wherefore your Petit<sup>r</sup> in behalf of himself and fellow Settlers pray that the Rights upon which nothing is yet done may be granted to them upon such Conditions as your Honors shall think most promotive of the Interest of the Settlers and your own. And your Pet<sup>r</sup> as in Duty bound shall ever pray  
August 18<sup>th</sup> 1769

James Reed

J Pickering Attorney for Petit<sup>r</sup>

[*Petition of Stoddard and Blanchard, 1769.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 9.]

To the Gentlemen Proprietors Purchasors of the Right of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in the Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup>

The memorial of Sampson Stoddard & Jonathan Blanchard shew

That your Memorialists have had & still own a Very Considerable Interest in the New Township of Monad<sup>k</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 4 in this Province & Done much Towards it's Settlement & the Well Being of it's Inhabitants & more than was Enjoy<sup>d</sup> on the Shares they held,

That your Memorialists have to their *Surprise* seen a Memorial Presented to the Clerk of Your Society in the Name of One James Reed therein Declaring many things that are *not True in fact*,—

That your Memorialists Will at any Time (if Requested) with pleasure Lay Before Your Society a full & True State of the Several Matters & things Relating to Said Township, But for the Present have Annexed Copys of Several Receipts for Monies paid to the Said James Reed & Others for their Labour on the high Ways there & Apprehend near in full for their service,

That the Grantees have Nearly Complyd with y<sup>e</sup> Conditions in y<sup>e</sup> Grant mention<sup>d</sup> (but some few are Wholly Deficient to this Day & they have Done Some Violent acts as Cutting Down frames &c where y<sup>e</sup> Duty was Doing on those forfeited shares to prevent the same from Being Completed

Your Memorialists therefore pray that Sh<sup>d</sup> the Said James Reed make application for a hearing on the prem<sup>s</sup> you would Cause us to be Notified at our own proper Cost & Charge that We may have

Opportunity to state the facts Before any Conclusions are Drawn from the prem<sup>a</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> & Your Memorialists Will Ever pray—

Portsm <sup>o</sup> y <sup>e</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup> day } of Aug <sup>t</sup> -1769— }	Sampson Stoddard Jon <sup>a</sup> Blanchard
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Chelmsford April 8<sup>th</sup> 1762-

Rec<sup>d</sup> of Sampson Stoddard Twenty three pounds thirteen shillings & three pence—Sterling mony of Great Britain for Labour Done on the Roads in a New Township Called & Known by<sup>e</sup> Name of Mon<sup>ck</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 4 in New Hamp<sup>r</sup> for Which Said Work have Renderd in two Acco<sup>ts</sup> to the Com<sup>tee</sup>

£23. 13. 3 Ster<sup>s</sup>

James Reed

a True Copy

Chelmsford July 3<sup>d</sup> 1762-

Rec<sup>d</sup> of Sampson Stoddard Ten pounds Eight shillings sterling money of Great Britain Equal to one hundred & four pounds old Ten<sup>r</sup> for my own Labour & to pay men for Clearing Roads in the New Township of Mon<sup>ck</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 4 Which is in full of all Other Demands to this Day—

£10 .8/ Ster<sup>s</sup>

Benj<sup>a</sup> Bigelow

a True Copy

Rec<sup>d</sup> of Col<sup>o</sup> Sampson Stoddard the Sum of Seven pounds Lawful M<sup>o</sup> Which sum Was Granted & allow<sup>d</sup> to me by y<sup>e</sup> Prop<sup>rs</sup> of Mon<sup>ck</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 4 for service Done, & I Do hereby Order the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of S<sup>d</sup> Town to pay the same to the S<sup>d</sup> Stoddard—

Oct<sup>r</sup> 12. 1768-

John Moffatt

Test Jon<sup>a</sup> Blanchard—

a True Copy—

Compared y<sup>e</sup> three Rece<sup>ts</sup> above with y<sup>e</sup> originals as shew<sup>d</sup> ¶ Coll<sup>o</sup> Stoddard—

Aug: 24<sup>th</sup> 1769—

G-J-prop<sup>rs</sup> Cl

[*List of Improvements in Fitzwilliam, 1769.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 10.]

A List of the Names of those that have fully Completed their Duty of Setelment in monadnock No 4 in the Province of New-Hampshire a Greabal to Chartar and on what Lott it is Don

James Reed on Lott N<sup>o</sup> 16 in the 8 Rang hath a House 38 by 30 full Duty Don on said Lott—

Benjamin Biglow Lott N<sup>o</sup> 14 in 7 Range a House 24 by 18 full Duty Don

- Samuall Turner Lott N° 20 in 8 Range a Good Camp and famely full Duty Don
- Silas Farnsworth Lott N° 14 in 6 Range a House 24 by 18 full Duty Don
- John Mellen Lott N° 15 in 6 Range a House 26 by 24 full Duty Don
- James Reed Juner Lott N° 16 in 6 Range a House 28 by 26 full Duty Don
- Nathaniel Chapman Lott N° 17 in 6 Range Except a House full Duty Don house Burnt
- Jacob Reed Lott N° 18 in 6 Range a House 26 by 24 full duty Don
- Calab winch Lott N° 22 in 6 Range a House 24 by 18 full Duty Don
- Thomas Wetherby Lott N° 7 in 1. Range a House 24 by 22 full Duty Don
- Aaron Garfield Lott N° 9 in 1 Range a House 32 by 18 full Duty Don
- Reuben Pratt Lott N° 10 in 1 Range a House 27 by 27 full Duty Don
- John Gouldsbary Lott N° 11 in 1 Range a House 18 by 18 full Duty Don
- Alpheais Brigham Lott N° 12 in 1 Range a House 24 by 18 full Duty Don
- Fullom Lott N° 14 in 2 Range a House 22 by 18 full Duty Don
- Edward Kindal Lott N° 15 in 5 Range a House 28 by 26 full Duty Don
- Joseph Twist Lott N° 6 in 6 Range a Bad House but other ways full Duty Don
- Isaac Applen Lott N° 21 in 9 Range a House 24 by 18 full Duty Don
- Nathan Platts Lott N° 17 in 5 Range a House 22 by 18 full Duty Don
- Thomas Garey Lott N° 14 in 8 Range a House 24 by 18 full Duty Don
- John Fassett Lott N° 13 in 9 Range a House 22 by 18 full Duty Don
- Daniel Mellen Lott N° 16 in 7 Range a House full Duty Don
- Henry Willard Lott N° 12 in 2 Range a House full Duty Don  
 october the 6. 1769 James Reed

[*List of Improvements in Fitzwilliam, 1769.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 11.]

A List of the Intabance now in monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 4 in the Province of New-Hampshire and those that have Ingaged to Settlet Enadeately

Aaron Morse on 2 Lott 1 Rang with his famely

Samuell Pike on the 4 Lott Do his famely

Moses Wars working on 5 Lott Do

Capt Silas Wetherby on the 6 Lott Do a house and famely Soon

Thomas Wetherby on the 7 Lott Do a house

Aaron Garfield on the 9 Lott Do a house and famely

Ruben Pratt on the 10 Lott Do a house and famely

John Gouldsbarey on the 11 Lott Do a house and famely

Alpheis Brigham on 12 Lott Do a house and famely

Robert Jarvis on the 9 Lott in 2 Rang with a famely

Abner Ston working on the 11 Lott Do

Henry Willard on the 12 Lott Do a house and his famely soon

Francis Fullom on the 13 Lott Do A house and famely

Robert Wars on the 14 Lott Do and one Harskell

Jabez meed on the 3 Lott in 5 Rang a house and famely soon

A Sawmill and a house on the 13 Lott Do a famely soon

Edward Kindal on the 15 Lott Do a house and famely

Jonathan Metcalf on the 16 Lott Do a Camp and famely soon

Nathan Platts on the 17 Lott Do a house and famely

Amas Knights on the 19 Lott Do a man at work

Joseph Twist on the 6 Lott in 6 Rang his famely

Silas Farnsworth on the 14 Lott Do a house and famely

John Mellen on the 15 Lott Do a house and famely

James Reed Juner on the 16 Lott Do a house and famely

Nathanel Chapman on the 17 Lott Do the house Burnt

Jacob Reed on the 18 Lott Do a house and him at work

Jason Ston on the 21 Lott Do a house and famely

Calab winch on the 22 Lott Do a house and famely

Jonathan Patridge on the 23 Lott Do a Camp and famely

Benjamin Davison on the 4 Lott in 7 Rang a house and he work

James Reed hath a house on the 12 Lott Do and work Don

Benjmain Biglow on the 14 Lott Do and famely

Daniel mellen Juner on the 16 Lott Do a famely

major John Farrar on the 23 Lott Do a house and famely soon

one Boyonton on the 4 Lott in 8 Rang and famely soon

Jeddiah Boyonton on the 5 Lott Do making a settelment

Hezekiah Rice on the 19 Lott in 4 Rang—working on

Thomas Garey on the 14 Lott in 8 Rang a famely

James Reed on the 16 Lott Do a famely  
 John Anger on the 18 Lott Do a house and his famely in Town  
 Samuell Turner on the 20 Lott Do his famely 5 year  
 Corn Mill on the 23 Lott Do  
 John Fassett on the 13 Lott in 9 Rang a house and famely  
 Joseph ADoms working on 18 Lott Do A House and Rie Soed  
 amos Brown working on 19 Lott Do  
 James Reed a House on the 20 Lott Do  
 Isaac Applin on the 21 Lot Do a house and famely  
 Thomas Tolman A house on the 22 Lott Do and famely in Town  
 Thomas Tolmans famely on the 23 Lott Do  
 James Tiffeny on parte of the 23 Lott Do  
 Thomas Willmarth—the 10 Lott in 10 Rang soed Rie  
 Benjman Tiffeny a house on the 23 Lott Do  
 Aaron Coldman working on the 13 in 8 Rang  
 Henry Poor on the 1 and 2 Lotts in 12 Rang  
 Ebenezer Lock—the 8 Lott 2 Rang  
 Davison—the 2 Lott 7 Rang  
 Thomas Reed—the 14 in Do

this aaccount Was Taken the 8 Day of December 1769 by me  
 James Reed of said Township

these Lotts worked on 1 Lott 1 Rang  
 and ——— 17 Lott 2 Rang  
 and ——— 17 — 3 Rang  
 and ——— 14 — in Do  
 and ——— 16 in 4 Rang a man on  
 and ——— 15 in 7 Rang Bult  
 17 in 7 Rang Duty Don Except A house which is on another Lott  
 15 in 8 Rang work Don Except A house which is Bult on the 16 Lott  
 17 in Do work Don

[*Petition of John Butterfield, 1769.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 12.]

To the Proprietors of Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq  
 &c—

Humbly sheweth, John Butterfield of Westford in the County of Middlesex & Province of the Massachusetts Bay—That whereas the said John was one of the original Purchasers of the Township of Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 4, in said Province, and expended sundry Sums of Money, and was at great Pains and Trouble in procuring and Laying out s<sup>d</sup> Township And whereas the late Joseph Blanchard Esq<sup>r</sup>, by

Virtue of the Power & Authority, to him given, by the Proprietors afores<sup>d</sup> made and executed a good and valid Grant or Patten of said Township to your Petitioner and others, bearing Date the fifteenth Day of January A D 1752, by Force whereof your Petitioner became one of the Proprietors of said Township, and by Reason of the Premises your Petitioner, on the first Day of July next following the Date of s<sup>d</sup> Grant, drew Four Lotts, being Two Rights, in said Township, to wit, Lotts N<sup>o</sup> 17<sup>n</sup> & 18<sup>n</sup> in the Sixth Range, and Lotts N<sup>o</sup> 13<sup>n</sup> & 14<sup>n</sup> in the Second Range: But by some Mismanagement, the Grant afores<sup>d</sup>, by said Blanchard, was destroyed, and a new Grant made out, in which your Petitioner was omitted, and Jonathan Blanchard & William Cumings put in in his Room: By Means whereof, your Petitioner hath lost his Title to s<sup>d</sup> Lotts, which otherwise would have been good, the last grant afores<sup>d</sup> having been made out, before the Time limited in the first Grant afores<sup>d</sup>, for doing the Duty on s<sup>d</sup> Rights—and your Petitioner saith, that he, within the same Time, endeavoured to do the Duty afores<sup>d</sup>, on s<sup>d</sup> Rights, but was repulsed by the Persons who came in under the second Grant afores<sup>d</sup>: By all which your Petitioner, being very poor & needy, hath suffered greatly, and is much injured every way.—

Wherefore your Petitioner, relying on your Humanity and Justice, prays your Compassion, and that you would give him other Lands in said Township (sundry Lotts therein being forfeited by Reason of the Duty's not being done on them) or that you would give him Lands elsewhere as a Recompence for the Injury & Injustice done him as afores<sup>d</sup>, or otherwise recompence him as your Humanity & Justice shall direct:—And your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c—

John Butterfield

Portsmouth December the 9<sup>th</sup> 1769.—

This Certifies that the Afore mentioned John Butterfield was in the Grant of Said monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 4 when first made and the 4 Lots drawn to him as within mentioned and the first charter was taken up & a New one made in which he was omitted.

Dec<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1769

Jon<sup>a</sup> Lovewell

[*James Reed's Military Record, 1769.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 13.*]

A return mad by James Reed of Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 4 of his Servises Don in the Provenshel Troops of the Masachusetts Bay the Dats of his Commisions in what Rank and by whom Signed in what Rige-

ment—To Gather with ana Coumpt of the Land Bought Since the wars in Monadnock N° 4 in the Province of New-Hampshire the Number of Lotts the money pad for the Land the Number of Settlers Brought onto Said Land and the Taxis Paid to the 12 of December 1769—

in year	Capten	by whom Signed	in what Rigement
1755	Capten	Spencer Phips Leu <sup>t</sup> Governour	Josiah Brown Esqr Collnal
1756	Do	Governour Sherly	Timothey Ruggels Esq <sup>r</sup> Coll
1758	Do	Governour Pownall	Do
1759	Do	Do	Do
1761	Do	Governour Barnard	Jonathan Hoar Esqr Collnal
1762	Do	Do	Do

the Number of Lotts is 38 one Hundrad aacors Each and 70 aacors over the money Paid for Land is £326-7-4 Lawfull money the Number of Settlers I have Brought on is 23 the Taxis I have paid is £39-8-8 lm—

Monadnock N° 4  
December the 12-1769

James Reed

[*James Reed to Proprietors, 1770.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 14.*]

Honrad Sir A Greabal to A Request from your Honor I have made out Sir as an exact aaccount as is in my Power of the Prasant Standing of the Setelment of monadnock No 4 in the Province of New Hampshier—and have Got the faver of Esq<sup>r</sup> Kidder to Convey it to your Honor—Sir as mr mellen Lives at such a Grate Distance—from this Place and not With in the Government I have made bold to Do with out his assistance in the afair—I have put in a Small Paper with this Return—which I hope will bee no Afront—Bagen at the Same Time to Subscribe my Self—Sir your Honors Ever Humbel Servant att Comand

James Reed

Monadnock N° 4 Januarey the 26. 1770.  
To the Honrabel George Jaffrey Esq<sup>r</sup> Portsmouth



[*State of Settlements in Fitzwilliam, 1770.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 15.]

1. this List Contains an exact account of the Lotts of Land in Monadnock No 4 in the Province of New-Hampshire that Duty is Don according to the Tener of the Grant and by whom Don

Aaron Garfield is on Lott N <sup>o</sup> 9 in the 1 Rang Duty Don in full			
Thomas Wetherby	7 Lott	—	Do — Do
Reuben Pratt	10 Lott	—	Do — Do
John Gouldsbury	11 Lott	—	Do — Do
Alpheas Brigham	12 Lott	—	Do — Do
Henry Willard is on the	12 Lott	— 2	Do — Do
Francis Fullom	13 Lott	—	Do — Do
Edward Kindall is on the	15 Lott	— 5	Do — Do
Nathan Platts	17 Lott	—	Do — Do
Joseph Twist is on the	6 Lott	— 6	Do — Do
Silas Farnsworth	14 Lott	—	Do — Do
John Mellen	15 Lott	—	Do — Do
James Reed Juner	16 Lott	—	Do — Do
Nathaniel Chapman	17 Lott	—	Do house Burnt Down
Jacob Reed	18 Lott	—	Do Duty Don in full
Caleb winch	22 Lott	—	Do — Do
Benjamin Biglow is on	14 Lott	— 7	Do — Do
Daniel mellen Junr	16 Lott	—	Do — Do
Thomas Garey is on the	14 Lott	— 8	Do — Do
James Reed	16 Lott	—	Do — Do
John Fassett is on the	13 Lott	— 9	Do — Do
Isaac Applen	21 Lott	—	Do — Do
Thomas Tolman	23 Lott	—	Do — Do

The above is an exact account of those that have Don Duty on Lotts in monadnock No 4 which is according to the tener of the Grant to the Bast of my Judgment as thay Stand this 26 Day of Januaryy 1770

¶ James Reed

2 A List of those Lotts that have famelys on them in monadnock No 4 and the Duty is not fully Don according to the Tener of Grant

Aaron Morse is on the 2 Lott in 1 Rang with his famely Duty not Compleat

Sip a Negrow famely	6 Lott	—	Do Duty not Compleat—
Robert Jarvis is on	9 Lott	2 Do	— Do
Amas Knight is on	19 Lott	5 Do	— Do
Jason Ston is on the	21 Lott	6 Do	— Do

Jonathan Patridge	23 Lott Do	— Do
Benjamin Davison	4 Lott 7 Do	— Do
John Anger	18 Lott Do	— Do
Samuall Turner	20 Lott 8 Do	— Do
Henry Poor is on the	1 Lott 12 Do	— Do

the Above is Just the Situation of the Above Lotts or Shares as they Stand this 26 Day of Januaryey 1770

¶ James Reed

3 List Contans ana Count of Lotts in monadnock N° 4 that have Sum work Don on them Sum more and Sum Lass as is Described—

the 1 Lott in 1 Rang A Littell work Don by mr Joslen

4 Lott—Do A House Littell work by Samuall Pike

5 Lott—Do Sum work Don by moses Wars

13 Lott—Do Consideroble of work Don by Henry Willard

6 Lott in 2 Do A Sawmill Bult by the Grantees—

11 Lott—Do A Littell work Don by Abner Ston

14 Lott—Do—A fram of A House and Sum work Don by Robort Wars and Jeremiah Harskel—

17 Lott 2 Rang Sum work Don by James Reed

14 Lott 3 Do — Do — Do

16 Lott Do — Do — Do

13 Lott 5 Do A Sawmill Bult by the Grantees and A House and Sum work Don on the Same Lott by Daniel Mellen—

16 Lott in 5 Rang Considerabel of work Don by Jonathan meetcalf

7 Lott in 6 Do A Littell work Don by Timothey Barton he Gon of

3 Lott in 5 Rang A Littell Coind of A House and sum work Don by Jabez meed

19 Lott in 4 Rang A Littell work Don by one Rice

12 Lott in 7 Do A poor House and A Littell work Don by James Reed

15 Lott Do Large Improvements no House—Do—

17 Lott Do Sum work Don by Daniel mellen Jur

23 Lott Do A fram for a House and sum work Don by major Farrar

4 Lott & Rang Sum work Don by one Boyonton

5 Lott Do—Sum work Don by Jeddiah Boyonton

13 Lott Do work Don and Gran Soad by aaron Coldman

15 Lott Do 9 or 10 aacors Cleard and to Grass by James Reed

17 Lott Do Sum Improvements Don by James Reed

21 Lott Do Littell Choping Don by major Farrar

23 Lott Do A Corn mill bult by the Grantees

18 Lott in 9 Do Sum work Don by Joseph Adoms

19 Lott Do a Littell work Don Cap<sup>t</sup> James Richardson

20 Lott Do a small poor House and A Littell work Don by James Reed

## CHARTER RECORDS.

22 Lott Do a House and Improvements by Thomas Tolman  
 10 Lott 10 Rang Littel work Don and Rie Soad by Thomas Will-  
 marth

23 Lott Do A House bult by Benj Tiffany no famely  
 16 Lott in 4 Rang sum work Don by Phinehas Wheelock

the Above is as thay Stand this 26 Day of Januaryey 1770  
 pr James Reed—

4 List Contans the original Rights that was obliged by Chartar to Do  
 Duty and have not Don any thing on Either of the Lotts belongen to  
 these Shares—

Lotts	no	Rang	no	Rang	Lotts	no	R	no	R				
4	—	12	—	11	—	8	20	—	5	—	23	—	5
2	—	8	—	2	—	7	16	—	12	—	17	—	4
2	—	4	—	20	—	4	3	—	10	—	8	—	10
1	—	10	—	2	—	10	21	—	11	—	7	—	6
18	—	12	—	11	—	6	19	—	12	—	7	—	8
7	—	4	—	23	—	4	12	—	11	—	13	—	10
20	—	11	—	4	—	4	12	—	10	—	5	—	9
4	—	11	—	10	—	9	12	—	3	—	8	—	5
5	—	4	—	21	—	4	14	—	1	—	1	—	4
16	—	11	—	13	—	7	12	—	12	—	13	—	4
17	—	12	—	10	—	6	15	—	10	—	11	—	4
1	—	6	—	13	—	4	20	—	10	—	1	—	3
2	—	2	—	3	—	2	4	—	8	—	4	—	7
5	—	11	—	11	—	9							

the Above is An exact account of those Rights which have not been  
 improved according to the Tener of the Grant and have no improve-  
 ment made on either Lott of the Right or Share as thay Stand this 26  
 Day of Januaryey 1770

pr James Reed—

[James Reed to Proprietors, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 16.]

Honrad Sir

In obadantes to your order to me in December Last I ameadeatly  
 made out a Return of the improvements on Each Lott in this Township  
 and Dilivrad it to Esqr Townsend and Desired him to Diliver it to  
 your Honor which he promised to Do Last Febuery Court and Sir I  
 have not heard any thing of it Since) which if your Honr hath Re-  
 ceived it and it would Answer the Intenchen of the Proprietors I

should Tak it a Grate Honor to heair of it (by mr Sprage) and Sir if it is not Received or is not the thing intended I stand Rady at all Tims to inform the Proprietors in the Real Surcamstancis to the Bast of my Judgment att the Same Time I Would bag Leve to Subscribe my Self your Honors Ever Humbel Servant att Comand

Monadnock No 4

James Reed

may the 23—1770

To the Honorable George Jaffrey Esq<sup>r</sup>

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GILMANTON.

[Granted May 20, 1727, to Nicholas Gilman and others. The grant was confirmed by the Masonian Proprietors, June 30, 1752. Governor's Island was annexed Dec. 30, 1799. Gilford was set off and incorporated June 16, 1812. A tract of land was severed and annexed to Gilford July 5, 1851. Belmont was set off and incorporated as Upper Gilmanton, June 28, 1859.]

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volume; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 302, 456; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 1; Index to Laws, 207; papers under title Kingswood; History, by Daniel Lancaster, 1845, pp. 304; sketch by S. S. N. Greeley, Hurd's History of Belknap County, 1885, p. 785; Glimpses of the History of Old Gilmanton, by J. E. Fullerton, 3, Granite Monthly, 304; Sketch of History, Geology, etc., by William Prescott, 1, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 72; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, pp. 162, 302; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 8; The Badger Homestead, by F. M. Colby, 6, Granite Monthly, 76; Bills of Mortality, 1825-50, by Daniel Lancaster, 6, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 244; Biographical Notices of Physicians in, by Daniel Lancaster, 1, N. H. Repository, 65; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 490, 494, 496.]

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[*Proprietors of Gilmanton, 1727-8.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 17.]

A schedule of the names of the proprietors of the Town of Gilmanton—

Theodore Atkinson	Cornelius Drisco	Daniel Gilman
Robert Auchmuty	Richard Dolloff	Nicholas Gilman Ju <sup>r</sup>
Michael Bowden	James Davis	Andrew Gilman
Nath <sup>n</sup> Bartlet	Cap <sup>t</sup> John Downing	Zebulon Giddings
Joseph Baker	William Doran	Thomas Gilman
Jeremiah Bean	Ephraim Dennitt	Nicholas Gilman 3 <sup>d</sup>
Jeremiah Connor	Ephraim Dennitt Ju <sup>r</sup>	Samuel Gilman
Philip Connor	Joseph Dudley	Nathaniel Gilman

John Chipman	Sam <sup>n</sup> Elkins	Josiah Gilman
Richard Clark	John Fulson	Leiu <sup>t</sup> John Gilman
Edward Colcord	Jonath <sup>n</sup> Fulson	Edward Gilman
Jonath <sup>n</sup> Clark Ju <sup>r</sup>	Abraham Fulson	Samuel Gilman 3 <sup>d</sup>
Ward Clark	Benj <sup>n</sup> Fulson	John Gilman Ju <sup>r</sup>
Jonath <sup>n</sup> Colcord	Jabez Fitch	Trueworthy Gilman
John Clark	William Fellows	Edward Gilman Ju <sup>r</sup>
Jonath <sup>n</sup> Connor	Andrew Frost	Jeremiah Gilman
Cornelius Connor	John Frost Esq <sup>r</sup>	Nath <sup>n</sup> Gilman Ju <sup>r</sup>
Jeremiah Calfe	Ephraim Fulson	Andrew Glidden
Benj <sup>n</sup> Clark	Edward Fulson	Richard Glidden Ju <sup>r</sup>
Eliphelet Coffin	Edward Fyfield	Caleb Gilman
Thomas Dean	Nicholas Gilman Esq <sup>r</sup>	Robert Gilman
Nicholas Dudley	John Gilman Esq <sup>r</sup>	Nehemiah Gilman
Trueworthy Dudley	Peter Gilman	Joseph Glidden
James Dudley	Nicholas Gorden	Thomas Gorden
Alexander Gorden	James Leavitt	Matthew Plant
Jonathan Gilman	Ephraim Leavitt	Ephraim Philbrick
Benjamin Gambling	Timothy Leavitt	Nicholas Perryman
Paul Garrish	James Leavitt Ju <sup>r</sup>	John Perryman
Cap <sup>t</sup> John Gilman	Benjamin Leavitt	Henry Rust
Theophilus Hardey	Stephen Lyford	John Robinson
Robert Hale	John Lordd	John Roberts
Paul Hall	Dudley Leavitt	Jonath <sup>n</sup> Robinson Ju <sup>r</sup>
Henry Hale	John Low	Benj <sup>n</sup> Rawlings
Joseph Hall	Moses Leavitt	Joseph Robinson
Richard Hall	Nathaniel Ladd	Eleazer Russell
Samuel Hilton	John Leavitt	John Redman
Benjamin Hilton	John Mudgett	James Sinkler
Edward Hilton	Archiball M <sup>c</sup> phedriss	Richard Smith
William Hilton	William Moore	Robert Smart
Jonathan Hilton Ju <sup>r</sup>	Walter Neal	Joseph Smart
Edward Hall	Samuel Norriss	John Scribner Ju <sup>r</sup>
Clement Hughes	James Norriss	Joseph Scribner
Co <sup>n</sup> Mark Hunking	Moses Norriss	Theophilus Smith
James Jaffrey	John odlin	Theophilus Smith Ju <sup>r</sup>
James Jaffrey Ju <sup>r</sup>	John odlin Ju <sup>r</sup>	Joseph Sinkler
Cyprian Jaffrey	Jotham odiorne Ju <sup>r</sup>	Stephen Sewall
George Jaffrey Esq <sup>r</sup>	William odiorne	Samuel Sinkler
George Jaffrey Ju <sup>r</sup>	Jotham odiorne Esq <sup>r</sup>	oliver Smith
Richard Jenness	Jethro Pearson	Abraham Samborn
Caleb Kimball	John Perkins Ju <sup>r</sup>	Richard Sinkler
	Thomas Peirce	Henry Shearburne

John Kimball	John Plaistead	Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Stevens
John Samborn	Samuel Thing	Peter Weare
Jacob Smith	Jonathan Wadleigh	Andrew Wiggin
Samuel Smith	Thomas Webster	Richard Wibird Ju <sup>r</sup>
Bartholomew Thing	Nathaniel Webster	Richard Wibird Esq <sup>r</sup>
Benj <sup>n</sup> Thing	Humphry Willson	Benj <sup>n</sup> Walton
Joseph Thing	Ebenezer Weare	Shadrack Walton Esq <sup>r</sup>
Coffen Thing	Thomas Webster Ju <sup>r</sup>	Tho <sup>s</sup> Westbrook Esq <sup>r</sup>
Daniel Thing	Thomas Willson	Richard Waldron Ju <sup>r</sup>
Cap <sup>t</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> Tibbitts	Benning Wentworth	Jonathan Young
Nath <sup>l</sup> Thing	Hunking Wentworth	Minister Right
Jonathan Thing	John Wentworth Ju <sup>r</sup>	Parsonage Right
Edward Thing	William Wentworth	School Right

Samuel Shute Esq<sup>r</sup> 540 Acres—

John Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> 540 Acres—

Eighteen Rights to Masonian Proprietors six Hundred Acres voted to Benj<sup>n</sup> & Jont<sup>n</sup> Brown Aaron Clough Timothy Barnard and orlando Sargeant for to acquit James Jaffry Right Cornelius Connors Right and Samuel Hiltons Right which Rights were Declared forfeited and sold may y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1750

Fifteen of the proprietors before mentioned were not in the first schedule but were admitted as proprietors as follows—

At a Legal Town meeting held at Exeter March the 14<sup>th</sup> 1727/8

Voted at the same meeting that the several Persons whose names are Under written have an Equal share of Land with the other proprietors of Gilmantown—

Thomas Dean	Joseph Baker	Thomas Gorden
Robert Hale	John Leavitt	Nicholas Perryman
Jacob Smith	Jonathan Thing	John Perryman
Samuel Smith	John Kimball	Jonathan Clark Ju <sup>r</sup>
Nathaniel Thing	John Low	Edward Thing

Copy of Record

Attest Joseph Badger propr<sup>s</sup> Clerk—

[*Petition for Quit-Claim*, 1749.]

[*Masonian Papers*, Vol. 6, p. 17.]

Rye Jun the 16, 1749

The humbel Reqast of the Subscribers to the Honrabel proprietors of masons Rite of Land in this provnce Shueth that thay have Ben at Charg in purching oregnel Rits in gilmantoun do pay the Honrabl

Sosito y to a qet us as you have nottingham toun and Sum other touns  
in this prouince

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[*Vote of Proprietors of Gilmanton, 1752.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 17.]

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of Gilmantown holden at the house  
of Cap<sup>t</sup> John Light in Exeter March 12. 1752

Col<sup>l</sup> Peter Gilman Moderator—

Voted to Choose a Com<sup>it</sup>te to treat & finally agree with any  
person or persons that Lay Claim to Gilmantown or any part thereof

Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> John Odlin Josiah Gilman & Sam<sup>l</sup> Gilman Jun<sup>r</sup> be a  
Com<sup>it</sup>te for that End they or the Major part to Act—

true Copy Attest

Josiah Gilman Prop<sup>r</sup>s Clerk

[*Petition of Robert Jenkins, 1752.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 18.]

To The Hon<sup>le</sup> Theod<sup>r</sup> Atkinson Rich<sup>d</sup> Wiberd Esq<sup>r</sup> & Others Pur-  
chasers & Propriators of Masons Right in y<sup>e</sup> Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup>

The Petitsion of Rob<sup>t</sup> Jenkins of Boston Mer<sup>t</sup> Sheweth that Y<sup>r</sup>  
Petition<sup>r</sup> purchased One full Right & Share of Land in y<sup>e</sup> Township of  
Gilmantown in S<sup>d</sup> Prov<sup>e</sup> As may Appear by y<sup>e</sup> Deed in y<sup>e</sup> hands of  
M<sup>r</sup> Dan<sup>l</sup> Perce Which Right Originally belon<sup>s</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>l</sup> Jotham  
Odiorn late of Port<sup>m</sup> in S<sup>d</sup> Provi<sup>ce</sup> Esq<sup>r</sup> Deceas<sup>d</sup> & Y<sup>r</sup> Petitioner Not  
knowing that S<sup>d</sup> township or any part of It fell within Y<sup>r</sup> Claime till  
lately Therefor prays that when You Shall grant away S<sup>d</sup> Township  
You would be pleas to Resarve S<sup>d</sup> Right to him & his Heirs &c—  
which will Oblidge

Gent<sup>n</sup> Y<sup>r</sup> most Hum<sup>l</sup> Ser<sup>t</sup>

Port<sup>m</sup> March 27 1752

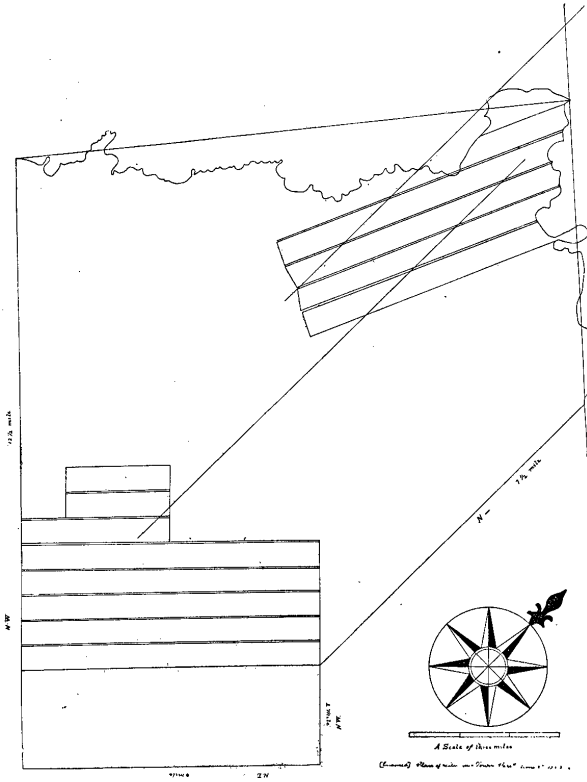
Rob<sup>t</sup> Jenkins

[*Quit-Claim to Gilmanton, 1752.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, June 30, 1752.]

Province of } Portsmouth June 30<sup>th</sup> 1752. Tuesday four of  
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon at the house of Ann Slayton  
the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

[Plan of Gt. Britain, 1753.]





Voted That there be and hereby is granted to the Proprietors of Gilman Town so Called in said Province & their Assigns all The Right Title Claim Interest Estate Property and Demand of the Proprietors herein first Named and who are the Grantors in these Presents on the Terms & Conditions herein after Expressed of in and unto all the Land Contained within the Bounds of the Charter According to The true Intent thereof made by the Lieu<sup>t</sup> Governour & Council for said Province to the said Proprietors of Gilman Town with a View of Granting the same Land in the Year 1727 and the amendment or Explanation thereof made in the year 1729, only Reserving to the Grantors in these Presents Eighteen Shares, each equal for Quantity & Quality with the other Single Shares of the said Proprietors of Gilman Town which Reserved Shares are to lye in a body altogether to be laid out on the Northerly part of said Township between their second Division & the North line of said Township from the pond Called Winnepiseokee pond & so Runing back till the whole quantity aforesaid shall be made up That the said Proprietors of Gilman Town at their own Expence lay out the same Reserved Land and make a Division thereof as the said Grantors shall hereafter Direct and Order and make an exact plan of the whole Township and the Quantity of Land therein Contained and also of the said Division and Return the same to the said Grantors within Ten Months from this time That Convenient highways be left in said Division & thro' The Township to the said Land so Reserved— That the said Proprietors of Gilman Town make the Settlement of said Town according to & in such manner as the said Charter directs within Three years from this time in case there is no Indian War within that time & if there is then the like time to be allowed afterwards— That the said Reserved Shares be & hereby are Exempted & Exonerated of & from any part of the Charge of making the said Settlement & from all Charges whatsoever that have already arisen or may hereafter arise concerning the said Township & the Settlement thereof by any ways or means whatsoever untill Improved by the owner of each Respective share or such as hold under 'em That the said Gilman Town Proprietors do as soon as may be conveniently call a meeting of the said Proprietors and Vote a Confirmation of this Vote and the Several Articles & matters herein Contained on their part & behalf to be done and their Assent and Consent to the same and Transmit an Attested Copy thereof to the Grantors herein mentioned

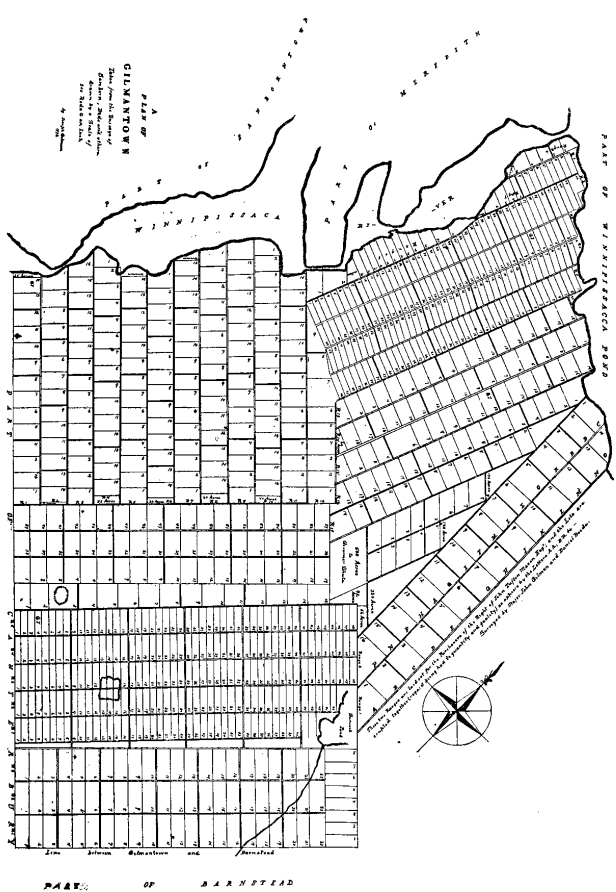
[*Surveyor's Report on Gilmanton Lots, 1763.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 19.]

To the Purchasers of the Right of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in the Province of New Hampshire Gentlemen

In Consequence of a Vote Passed by your Proprietary at a Legal meeting, & Pursuant To an order from George Jaffrey Esq<sup>r</sup> your clerk, And an Additional Instruction Sign'd by the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Theod<sup>r</sup> Atkinson, Richard Wibird & Mark H<sup>g</sup> Wentworth Esq<sup>rs</sup>, the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Thomas Wallingford, George Jaffrey, Daniel Peirce Thomas Packer Esq<sup>rs</sup> & m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Moffatt, Dated the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 1763—& by Order of a Com<sup>'</sup>tee of the Proprietors of the township of Gilman Town in said Province; We the Subscribers have Allotted & set of the Shares Reserved by you, in the said Township of Gilmantown, Agreeable to the aforesaid Orders & a Plan Hereto Anexed, in manner Following Viz<sup>t</sup> We Have Laid out Eighteen Shares into Fifteen Equal Parts (haveing had Due Regard to the Quality as well as Quantity) Each Share containing two Lotts—said Lotts are Laid out in two Ranges, & Bounded as Follows Viz<sup>t</sup> Begining at a Beach tree which is marked for a Bound tree about two miles North West from the East corner of said township, which tree is marked with Sundrie Letters and Figures Viz<sup>t</sup> E. G. June 16<sup>th</sup> 1731, & N. S. 1749.—And from the said tree we Run North West two Hundred Sixty Seven Rods, & marked a tree with R 1<sup>st</sup> for the corner of the first Range, then we Run North 74 Rods & Numbered one, then we continued our course North Parrelell with the Towns Line to Winipisaro Pond, & Numbered from one to 14 in said Range. Excepting the first & the 14<sup>th</sup> Lotts are Laid out one Hundred & Sixty Nine Rods wide, And from where they are numbered they Run East one hundred & Eighty Seven Rods to the East Line of the township aforesaid—The 14<sup>th</sup> Lot Bounds upon the said Pond,—the Cross ways in said Range are Between the Lotts Numbred 2 & 3, 4 & 5, 6 & 7, 8 & 9, 10 & 11, 12 & 13, & Each of said Cross ways are three Rods wide, & Lay on the North side of Each of said Numbers, & Run East to the Line of said town.—the Second Range at Winipisaro Pond aforesaid is two Hundred & twenty one Rods West from the first Range & Runs Parallell with the Line of the township to Number Sixteen at or Near the first Divission of said Gilmantown, & from said Number sixteen the Lot Runs South East to a tree marked R, 2<sup>d</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 16, Every Lott in said second Range from where they are Numbred Runs East till they come within three Rods of the first Range which three Rods we have Left for a high way—the Cross ways in the second Range are Left three Rods wide Between N<sup>o</sup> 2 & 3—4 & 5—6 & 7—8 & 9—10 & 11—

[Plan of Gilmanton, 1772.]



The 40 Acre Lots numbered with Red Ink are the first division of 40 Acres.—Those 100 Acres that are number'd with Red, were laid out for the first Settlers to choose out of.

To the Purchasers of the Right of John Tufon Mason Esqr Gentlemen Agreeable to your Vote: This Plan is presented to you, by the Proprietors of Gilmanton.—

Gilmanton Jan<sup>y</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1772

Joseph Badger }  
Ezra Smith } Committee

12 & 13—14 & 15 & Lay on the south side of Every of said numbers & we have Laid out a Range way of three Rods wide on the west side of the second Range from the Pond to Number Sixteen—We Have Also Laid out the aforesaid Fifteen Shares into thirty Lotts & have Coupled them (Agreeable to our orders) as follows Viz<sup>t</sup> the first Lot in the first Range & the twelfth Lot in the Second Range—the Second Lot in the first Range & the third Lot in the Second Range—the third Lot in the first Range And the first Lot in the second Range—the fourth Lot in the first Range & the second Lot in the Second Range—the fifth Lot in the first Range and the Sixth Lot in the Second Range—the Fourteenth Lot in the first Range & the fifth Lot in the second Range—the Sixth Lot in the first Range & the Ninth Lot in the Second Range—the Seventh Lot in the first Range and the Eleventh Lot in the second Range.—the Eighth Lot in the first Range & the thirteenth Lot in the second Range—the Ninth Lot in first Range & the tenth Lot in the Second Range—the tenth Lot in the first Range & the fourth Lot in the second Range—the Eleventh Lot in the first Range & the seventh Lot in the second Range—the twelfth Lot in the first Range & the Eighth Lot in the second Range—the thirteenth Lot in the first Range & the fifteenth Lot in the second Range—the fourteenth & the Sixteenth Lotts in the second Range—

Exeter the 12<sup>th</sup> of Decem<sup>r</sup> 1763.—

Daniel Beede }  
John Gilman } Surveyors.

[*Joseph Badger to Proprietors*, 1773.]

[*Masonian Papers*, Vol. 6, p. 19.]

Gilmantown octo<sup>r</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1778

S<sup>r</sup> I Rec<sup>d</sup> Yours of y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Inst: Respecting the Mistake Between Gilmantown & the Gore and in answer say that I will endeavour to be at portsmouth some time in Decem<sup>r</sup> next and if your propriety would be pleased to appoint a Committee with power and Instructions that would be satisfactory to them I should think the affair might be the easier Comprimid as it is some times attended with Dificulty to Get Your proprietors to meet Ebenezer Smith Esq<sup>r</sup> with my self are a Committee in behalf of Gilmantown and I have shewn m<sup>r</sup> Fisher the Vote and he thinks the vote is not sufficient to Impower us to Convey any of the proprietors Intrest I Intend to show it to m<sup>r</sup> Sargeant before I Come Down and if he thinks it not sufficient we must Call a proprietors meeting I am s<sup>r</sup> Your Hon<sup>rs</sup> most Hum<sup>le</sup> ser<sup>t</sup>

Joseph Badger

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> George Jaffrey Esq<sup>r</sup>

[*Conditions of Quit-Claim to Gilman Town Proprietors.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 20.]

Mem<sup>o</sup> of An Agreement made between the Proprietors Claiming under John Tufton Mason & the Agents of the Proprietors of Gilman Town as follows viz first the Said Masonian Proprietors are to have an Equal Share Each with Each of the Proprietors of Said Gilman Town which is to be laid out in a body altogether on the Northerly part of Said Township between their Second Division & the North Line of Said Township.

2<sup>d</sup> that the Proprietors of Gilman Town at their own Expen<sup>ce</sup> Lay out the Same & Divide it as they Shall be Directed by the Masonian Propriet<sup>rs</sup> and also make an Exact plan of the Whole Township & Quantity of Land in the whole & also of the Division afores<sup>d</sup> within months & that Convenient high Ways be Left in Said Division & So thro' the township to the Division that they have a Quit Claim of the Masonian Proprietors Right Wherein they are to be held to Make the Settlem<sup>t</sup> of Said Town Ship agreeable to Charter within Years from this time in case of Peace & the Masonian Proprietors at no part of that Charge until they make Improvem<sup>t</sup> of their Particular Shares

July 15<sup>th</sup> P M

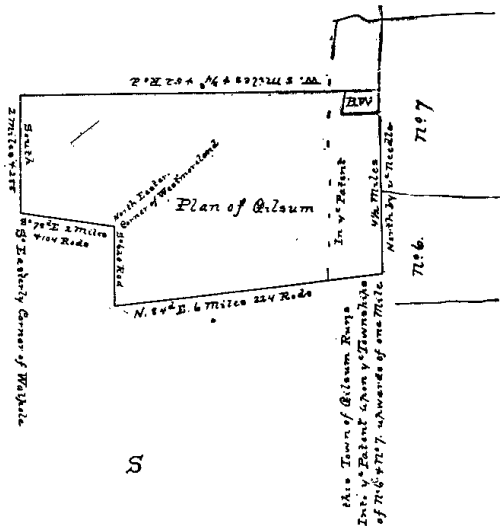
## GILSUM.

[Granted as *Boyle*, Dec. 28, 1752, to Joseph Osgood and others. No settlements were made under this grant. Re-granted July 13, 1763, to Samuel Gilbert, Thomas Sumner and others, and named Gilsum by combining the first syllables of the two names. The west part of the town was combined with a portion of Westmoreland to make up the town of Surry, March 9, 1769. The southeast part was combined with parts of Keene, Stoddard, and Nelson, to make up the town of Sullivan, Sept. 27, 1787. The line between Gilsum and Stoddard was settled June 21, 1797, by which Gilsum lost a tract of land. A small lot was taken from Sullivan and annexed to Gilsum July 7, 1874.]

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volume; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 303; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 18; Index to Laws, 208; History, by Silvanus Hayward, 1881, pp. 468; sketch, by same, 4, Granite Monthly, 439; sketch, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 207; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 164; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 263; Address, Centennial Celebration of Congregational Church, 1872, by Silvanus Hayward, pp. 63.]

[Plan of Gilsum.]

it Begins at y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>o</sup> Easter<sup>y</sup> Corner of Walpole & Runs S<sup>o</sup> 78<sup>a</sup> E 2<sup>m</sup> & 104 Rods to y<sup>e</sup> North East<sup>y</sup> Corner of Westmoreland thence S<sup>o</sup> 62<sup>o</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> North Line of Keen & from y<sup>noe</sup> N. 84<sup>a</sup> E 6<sup>m</sup> & 224 Rods to a stake & stones thence N. 4<sup>m</sup> ½ thence West 8¼ Miles & 50 Rod S<sup>o</sup> 2<sup>m</sup> 288 Charter Dated 13 of July 1763 for 5 Years.



GOFFSTOWN.

[Granted by Massachusetts as *Narragansett No. 4*, Feb. 9, 1733-4. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, Dec. 3, 1748, to Rev. Thomas Parker, of Dracut, Mass., and others. It was also called *Shove's-town*. Incorporated as Goffstown June 16, 1761, and named for Col. John Goffe. The charter was renewed April 5, 1763. A portion of the town was combined with parts of Dunbarton and Chester to make up the town of Hooksett, July 2, 1822. Some islands in Merrimack River were annexed June 28, 1825. A part of New Boston was annexed June 18, 1836. The line between Dunbarton and Goffstown was established Jan. 7, 1853. A portion of Goffstown was annexed to Manchester July 1, 1853.

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 306; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 25; Index to Laws, 209; sketch, by Alonzo F. Carr, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1886, p. 303; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 17; Brief History of the Congregational Church, by S. L. Gerould, 1881; Annual Records of the Church, pamphlets; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 170; sketch, 12, Farmer's Monthly Visitor, 48, 81.]

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[*Petition of Folsom and Follansbee, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 20.]

Dismissed

Portsmouth October 28<sup>th</sup> 1748

To the Gentlemen Purchasers & Proprietors of Mason's Right in Lands in y<sup>e</sup> Province of New Hampshire—

We the Subscribers being two of y<sup>e</sup> Petitioners of y<sup>e</sup> Grant of a Township with Cap<sup>t</sup> John Goffe and which by your Direction he has procured a regular Survey & within which Tract is a brook called black Brook convenient for Mills and as y<sup>e</sup> Principal Petitioners aforesaid think it necessary to have a Saw Mill built as Soon as may be for the Benefit of Settling y<sup>e</sup> Said Township, & have encouraged us to Sett up a Saw Mill for that Purpose on Said Brook we tho't it best, before we engaged in raising a Dam or Mill on Said black Brook, first to apply to the Proprietors for Liberty and to take a grant of the Privilege upon money Purchase or upon any lay that the Proprietors Shall think fit to agree for the bounds of y<sup>e</sup> Privilege we Request are first beginning at a white oak Spotted on four sides Standing within four Rods of said brook then running notherly ab<sup>t</sup> forty five Poles to a Pitch Pine Spotted on four Sides, then westerly to a Pitch pine Spotted on four Sides about forty five Poles, then Southerly crossing the said brook to a pitch pine Spotted on four Sides ab<sup>t</sup> forty five Poles and then runing easterly ab<sup>t</sup> forty five Poles and crossing said Brook to y<sup>e</sup> Bounds first mentioned—your complying with our Petition will very much oblige your petitioners

Josiah Folsom

Joshua follansbe

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[*Petition of James Moore, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 21.]

To the Gentlemen Purchasers & Proprietors of the lands Sold by Capt John Tuffton Mason within the Province of New Hampshire &c Humbley Shew

That upon the Sixth day of June 1737 I Purchased from William Lund a Tract of land upon the westerly Side of Merrimack near ammasceeg falls Containing two Hundred and twenty acres, the Same year Broak up about Seven acres and So from year to year Improv'd upon S<sup>d</sup> land to the amount of twenty acres, and fenc'd in with a Good fence about ffourty acres & Built a House & Barn & Planted an orchyard So that upon the whole my purchase labour and Improvements has been attended with Great Expence and labour &c But So it is that one ffalensbee as I Judge, and Some others unknown to me have made a fence in the middle of my land last week & have Stript Some of the Boards off my house to Inclose their fence Wo'd Earnestly Desire that as your Hon<sup>or</sup> has these affairs under your wise Consideration that you wo'd take the Premises and Circumstances of my affair under Consideration in the most and Justest manner So as I may not be molested by any person by virtue of any Grant made by your Hon<sup>or</sup> and your Petitioner as in duty Bound Shall Ever pray

Ports<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>br</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1748

James Moore

[*Conditions of Grant of Goffstown.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 21.]

for Goffe's Town 5 mile & 7 mile Square 70 Shares 20 of w<sup>ch</sup> Prop<sup>rs</sup> & Town

1<sup>st</sup> year clear 4 Acres and build a house and in 9 month to have a farm: Settled within y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> year to have a Meeting house built

by y<sup>e</sup> last day of may next to have y<sup>e</sup> Town laid out in Lots and the Lots ready to be drawn to be laid out in three Divisions the first & Second Divisions to be of one hundred Acres each and the third of y<sup>e</sup> Remainder of y<sup>e</sup> Townships Reserving Convenient high Ways where y<sup>e</sup> Lots can be conveniently laid out in Ranges to be of four Rods wide & the Cross Ways to be of two Rods wide And by y<sup>e</sup> last of May 1750 each Settler to have a house built of 16 foot Square with a Chimney & Cellar and Some person or persons Inhabiting therein and have four Acres of land inclosed & fitted for y<sup>e</sup> Plow or Scythe and by y<sup>e</sup> last day of May 1751 to have 4 Acres more enclosed & fitted as aforesaid—and A meeting house built fit for publick Worship for Said Town & to maintaiu publick worship Constantly from y<sup>e</sup> end of three years after y<sup>e</sup> drawing y<sup>e</sup> Lots, & afterwards—and in 1752 to have 4 acres more inclosed & fitted as aforesaid—Reserving of Six Acres of land in Some convenient place in y<sup>e</sup> Town for building Meeting house School burying place Training field &c And that each of y<sup>e</sup> Settlers Shall at or before y<sup>e</sup> drawing



their Lotts advance the Sum of thirty pounds old Ten<sup>r</sup> Currency including what they have already paid towards y<sup>e</sup> said Township to be deposited in the hands of Such persons as shall be appointed to receive y<sup>e</sup> same by y<sup>e</sup> Major part of said Settlers to pay y<sup>e</sup> Charge of surveying and dividing y<sup>e</sup> Said land into lots build<sup>s</sup> a meeting house maintaining publick worship y<sup>e</sup> first six months clearing Roads building necessary Bridges, and making and returning a Compleat & true Plan to the Grantors of y<sup>e</sup> Said Survey & Divisions &c<sup>a</sup> Reserving all white Pine trees for his Majesty's use that are fit for masting his royal Navy

That twenty Rights or Shares of y<sup>e</sup> Seventy be reserved to ye use of y<sup>e</sup> Grantors as they shall direct that one of the Said twenty rights be for y<sup>e</sup> first Minister that Shall be first regularly Settled in y<sup>e</sup> Town if he remain's there in y<sup>e</sup> Ministry during life, or be regularly dismis't and that another of y<sup>e</sup> said Rights be reserved for a parsonage Lot for ever & that y<sup>e</sup> two first Divisions of Said Rights be laid out adjoining as near the Meeting house as conveniently may be & y<sup>e</sup> other two lots to be laid out as y<sup>e</sup> Settlers shall agree & one other of y<sup>e</sup> Said 20 Rights to be for y<sup>e</sup> use of a School in the Town for ever to be drawn for as y<sup>e</sup> other Rights—

the Remaining Seventeen to be free & Exampmted from paying any Charge till improved by y<sup>e</sup> owners—and all y<sup>e</sup> Rights to be drawn for except for y<sup>e</sup> ministry

and if any of ye said fifty Grantees or their Assigns shall not perform any one of the Said Articles Shall forfeit his Right to y<sup>e</sup> Grantors—That the Settlers have the use of y<sup>e</sup> Meadows which shall fall within any of the Lots of any of the Said 20 Rights as the Major part of s<sup>t</sup> Settlers Shall agree for the term of five years—That no Incumbrance shall be Built upon or a Cross Piscataquog River below y<sup>e</sup> Crotch which may prevent y<sup>e</sup> Course of the fish and any Person may destroy & Remove Such Incumbrance if Built

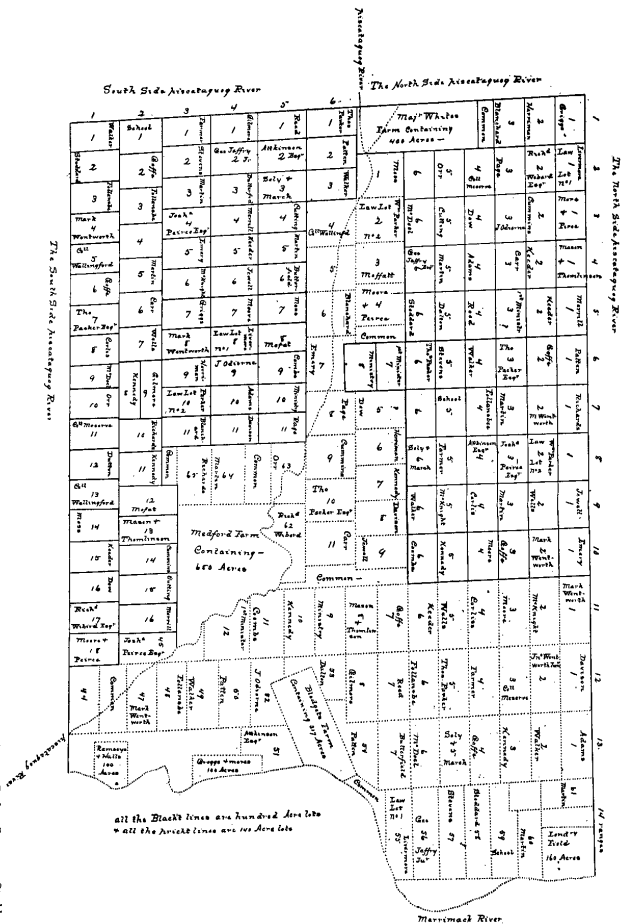
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[*Grantees of Goffstown, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 22.]

The following is a list of the Setlers Admitted to take Lotts in the township Com'itted to the Care of John Goffe Adjoining to Souheegan East on Merrimack River Nov<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1748—

[Plan of Grafton.]



A Plan of the Division of That Tract of Land granted by the Proprietors of the Land Purchased of John Taylor, Mason, Esqr to Thomas Parker, Sampson Stoddard Esq & others as Said Division has been made by the Grantees in order to the Dividing of the Lots agreeable to the Vote by which it was Granted—  
 Attest—

	Share		Share
Thom <sup>s</sup> Parke[r] of Dracut		Sampson Stoddard	
John Butterfield		Joseph Blanchard, Juner	1
Cap <sup>t</sup> John Goffe for	1	Cap <sup>t</sup> Thomas Follensbe for	1
Joshua Follensbe	1	Leu <sup>t</sup> Caleb page	1
Ens <sup>n</sup> Benj <sup>n</sup> Richards	1	Leu <sup>t</sup> Peter Most	1
Caleb Emery	1	John Goffe Ju <sup>r</sup>	1
Ab <sup>m</sup> Merrill Moses Wells	1	Benj <sup>n</sup> Stevens	1
Alex <sup>r</sup> Walker	1	Robert Davidson	1
John Dow	1	John Jewel	1
James Kennedy	1	Joseph Kennedy	1
Robert Gilmore	1		
Will <sup>m</sup> Macdoel Andrew Aiken	Rob <sup>t</sup>	Walker	1
Eph <sup>m</sup> Martain for	1	Nathaniel Martain	1
James Adams	1	Will <sup>m</sup> Orr	
Eben <sup>t</sup> Martain Joshua Martain	1	Peter Herriman Sam <sup>l</sup> Barnnet	1
James Mackinght	1	Job Kidder	1
John Kidder	1	Aarron and Ele <sup>m</sup> Wells	1
Will <sup>m</sup> Read	1	Robert Read John Smith	1
Sam <sup>l</sup> Patten	1	Tho <sup>s</sup> George Zech <sup>r</sup> Cutten	1
Caleb Dolton	1	Sam <sup>l</sup> Griges	1
James Walker	1	Matthew Patten	1
John Combs	1	John More	1
Ens <sup>n</sup> William Cummings	1	James Karr	1
Edward White Esq		John White his Son	
Tymothy Corlis	1	Tho <sup>s</sup> Farmer	1

[*Joseph Blanchard to Proprietors, 1748.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 23.*]

Gentlemen

at the Importunity of Cap<sup>t</sup> Goffe Relating his Expected Grant at Cohas the East Side Merrimack river. Who Complains that One Dunkin Unfairly, tries to Defeat his good Intention of Setting up a mill under pretence that he had possession there I have this nere thirty Years bin knowing to those Lands, and know that that Stream has never properly bin in possession of any but Cap<sup>t</sup> Goffe, there was. a number in a frenzy both of Derry & of the Massachusetts People Without any Order each of them Seperately Lotted all the Lands on the River and Rediculously dugg holes in the turffe and planted Some Corn on Most of the Lotts and in Severall places fell Some trees in Course, Where a fence might be Built but all a Sham

from first to Last, Some persons did one or two Years plant a Small bit of the Land South of Cohass, and When Cap<sup>t</sup> Goffe Entered there no house had bin Built nor Since no person Improving, in that time it was Lay'd out to One Robert Rand, by the Massachusetts I at his Request often treated with all then In possession or making pretence, I never heard for ten Years or more the Least Intimation of Claim of this Dunkin Goffe in fact has kept Setlement there, and maintained Somthing of a Bridge And ben very Serviceable to a great many people in keeping boats and Canoes to help people both Over that And the Great River Merrimack without ever being one Quarter paid to all these thing I am knowing, And many Other facts in his favor might be Intimated & provided no Regard be had to Rand, Cap<sup>t</sup> Goffe for that trate by the Small River and the Conveniencies of Both Sides to the Great River, for about half a mile is the Only man that cau Honestly pretend Any Couler to a grant from this Society—Those Are the true fact, the Relating them Excuse me In, And Accept the very Hum<sup>o</sup> Service of your most Obed<sup>t</sup>

Londondonderry 29<sup>th</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1748

J Blanchard

To The Hon<sup>l</sup> Prop<sup>rs</sup> of Masons Grant

P S Gent<sup>l</sup> We are in Expectation y<sup>t</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Goffe will this Journey finish his township I have Quieted with his help Severall prop<sup>rs</sup> who perhaps Would have Wrangled As much as Any, but now be Stanch frinds to the Affair I Hope Honest Cap<sup>t</sup> Colburn Will be Remembered in Starks town And be Equally Helpfull as Cap<sup>t</sup> Goffe has bin and if any Hindrance Happens to Starks tis pitty but Goffes town now Getts through that people may See tis more than a fiction Y<sup>rs</sup>  
nt Supra J B

[*Charter of Goffstown, 1748.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Dec 3, 1748.]

Portsm<sup>o</sup> Saturday 3<sup>d</sup> December 1748 at y<sup>e</sup> House of Sarah Prust widow twelve of y<sup>e</sup> Clock at Noon Proprietors meet according to Adjournment

Voted That there be and hereby is granted unto Thomas Parker of Dracut Coll<sup>o</sup> Sampson Stoddard Esqu<sup>t</sup> & John Butterfield of Chelmsford Joseph Blanchard jun<sup>r</sup> of Dunstable Robert Davidson of Dunstable John Comes James Car both of Said Dunstable John Goffe John Goffe jun<sup>r</sup> James Walker Mathew Patten John Moore Timothy Corlis Thomas Farmer Zach<sup>a</sup> Cutting Samuel Patten Alexander Walker James Cannada Joseph Cannada Robert Gil-

more Robert Walker all of Souhegan East So called Thomas Fal-  
 linsby Joshua Follinsby Caleb Page Benjamin Richards Peter Morse  
 Caleb Emery John Dow Peter Herriman all of Haverhill District  
 Abraham Merrill Benjamin Stevens John Jewell Ephraim Martin  
 Nathaniel Martin Ebenezer Martin Aaron Wells Caleb Daulton all  
 of a place called Amaskeeg James Adams the Son of William Adams  
 William Orr Job Kidder John Kidder all of Londonderry William  
 Reed Robert Reed James McKnight William Commins all of Litch-  
 field Samuel Griggs Edward White Esqu<sup>r</sup> John White all of Brookline  
 Their Heirs & Assigns in Equal shares Excepting as hereafter  
 Excepted on the Terms Conditions & Limitations herein after  
 Expressed, All that tract or Parcel of Land within the Province of  
 New Hampshire, Extending Seven miles in length and five miles in  
 Breadth Bounded as follows, viz', beginning at the north east Corner  
 of Souhegan East so called, at the main river & thence runs west  
 by said Souhegan line Seven miles thence north two degrees west  
 five miles thence east to the main river then by Said River as that  
 run's to the place where the Said bounds begin—To have & to hold  
 to them their Heirs and Assigns in equal Shares Excepting as  
 aforesaid, on the following Terms Conditions & Limitations That is  
 to Say That the whole tract of Land within Said bounds (saving  
 the particular Tracts herein after mentioned) be divided into Sixty  
 eight Shares or Rights and each Share or Right be laid out into  
 three Distinct Lots and number'd with the Same Number on each  
 of Said Lots. That the Numbers begin with one and end with  
 Sixty Eight. That one of the said Shares be for y<sup>e</sup> Use of the first  
 minister of the Gospel who shall be Settled on the said Tract of  
 Land hereby granted and shall remain there during his life or untill  
 he shall be Regularly Dismist to hold to him his Heirs & Assigns  
 And one other of Said Shares be for & towards the Support of y<sup>e</sup>  
 Gospel Ministry there forever That two of y<sup>e</sup> three Lots that Shall  
 belong to each Share Shall contain one hundred Acres each and  
 the third all the Remainder of the land belonging to each Share  
 Respectively that the two one hundred Acre Lots belonging to the  
 share for the first Miuister of the Gospel and the other for the Sup-  
 port of the ministry as aforesaid be laid out as near y<sup>e</sup> place where  
 the meeting house Shall be Set as may conveniently be done but  
 that all the other Lots be drawn for according to common Method  
 of drawing for Lots of Land; only not untill all the Lots Shall be  
 laid out so as that there Shall be but one Draft for three Lots, that  
 is all belonging to one share. That one of the Said shares be for &  
 towards the Support of a School there for ever and \**nineteen* of the

\*White & Son being two.

Said Shares be reserved for y<sup>e</sup> use of the Proprietors the Grantors of the said Premises & their assigns forever. That Seventeen of these reserved Shares be Exonerated acquitted and fully Exempted from paying any Charge towards making a Settlement, and not held to the Conditions of the other Shares respecting the Settlement nor liable to any Tax Assesment or Charge untill improved by the owners or Some holding under them respectively. That the owners of the other forty eight Shares shall carry on perform & make a Settlement at their own Expence in the following manner viz<sup>t</sup> all the Lots to be Laid out as aforesaid by the last day of May next ready to be drawn for. That the Lots be laid out in Ranges where the Land will admitt of it Land left between the Ranges for high ways of four Rods wide and & for Cross ways between the Lots two Rods wide—That within one year from the Said last day of May, each Owner of the said forty Eight Shares, have a house of Sixteen foot Square with a Chimney & Cellar, upon one of the Lots belonging to his share and Some person living in said house, and four Acres of land enclosed cleared and fitted for mowing or Tillage & within one year after that namely by the last day of may 1751, to have four Acres more enclosed cleared & fitted for mowing or Tillage, and at the End of three years from the last day of may next to have four Acres more enclosed cleared and fitted as aforesaid—That the Settlers at their own Expence build a Meeting house there before the last day of may in the year 1751 fit for the publick Worship of God, for the Use of those who shall then or afterwards inhabit there and after the end of the three years aforesaid from that time constantly to maintain the publick Worship of God there.—That Six Acres of land be left & laid out in Some Suitable place for building a meeting house upon, a School house, to make a burying yard, a training field, and for any other publick Use the Inhabitants shall have Occasion of Applying the Same to. That each owner of the said forty eight shares shall at or before the drawing for their Lots, as aforesaid, advance and pay the Sum of thirty pounds old Tenor (including what they have already paid towards carrying on the Said Settlement) to be deposited in the hands of Such Persons as the Said owners Shall chuse to receive the same, to defrey the Charge of Surveying and laying out the Said land into lots, building a meeting house as aforesaid, maintaining the publick worship of God there the first Six months, from the end of three years after drawing for said Lots as aforesaid, clearing land for highways, building of necessary Bridges, and making & Returning a Compleat Plan of the said Survey and laying out of the Lots, to the said Grantors—That all white Pine trees fit for his Majesty's use for masting the Royal Navy growing on Said Tract of land be & hereby are

reserved, and are hereby granted to his majesty his heirs and Successors for ever for that Purpose—That the owners of y<sup>e</sup> said forty eight shares shall have the Use of all meadows within any of the Lots belonging to twenty of the Reserved shares or any of them for the term of five years Commencing at the time of drawing said Lots as aforesaid—That No Obstruction or Incumbrance be made or built across or upon Piscataquog River below the Crotch so called, whereby the Passage of the Fish may be any ways hindred or impeded, and in Case any Such Incumbrance be made any person may destroy or remove the Same or any Such Obstruction—

Reserving to the Grantors that tract of land lying across the Crotch of the Said River Piscataquog which Major Edward White purchased of William Dudley Esqu<sup>r</sup> Deceased which Tract of land is hereby also granted unto him the Said Edward White & his Son John White agreeable to his Petition for the Same they being considered as two of the Settlers of the said Tract of land hereby granted & obliged to perform their part & proportion of the Duty & Charge of Settlers, but to have the Said land purchased As aforesaid (without drawing for the Same as aforesaid) in full for their Share of land within the bounds of the Premises hereby granted, and also Reserving to the Said Grantors the Stream & falls at a place called Harry brook within Said Tract of land, which is hereby granted to Thomas Follinsby abovenamed his Heirs and Assigns, with fifteen Acres of land to be laid out in the most Convenient manner for the Accomodation of a Saw Mill there, upon this Condition viz. he his Heirs Exec<sup>rs</sup> Admin<sup>rs</sup> or Assigns building a good Saw Mill there, fit to go by the last day of August next, and Sawing Lumber for the Inhabitants of Said Tract of land to the halves for the Term of Six years from that time when & so often as they shall have Occasion—

Reserving to the Said Grantors which they hereby grant to Hugh Ramsey Thomas Hall James Moore & Samuel Gregg, fifty Acres of land to each of them including their Improvements there and So running westerly from each Respective improvement so far as with that, to make up the said Quantity of fifty Acres for each of them in fee, they Severally paying & each of them depositing as aforesaid five pounds old Tenor for the purpose aforesaid, and doing and performing their part and proportion of all other & after Duty hereby laid upon Said Settlers—And in Case any of the Owners of the said forty eight shares shall refuse neglect or Omit to perform and fully Discharge any of the Conditions Articles Matters & Things abovementioned by him Respectively to be done he shall forfeit his Share and Right in the Said Tract of land, And every part and parcel thereof to the Said Grantors, and it shall and may be lawfull for them or any of

them Or any Person or Persons in their name & stead and by their Authority to enter into and upon the part Share and Right of Such Delinquent Owner or any part thereof in their name of the whole and him utterly thence to amove oust and Expel for the Use of Said Grantors their Heirs and Assigns. Provided there be no Indian War within any of the Terms and Limitations of time above mentioned for performing the Said Articles and things aforesaid to be done and performed by the Said Settlers, and in Case that Should happen the Same times to be allowed for the Respective Matters aforesaid after Such impediment shall be removed and it is also to be understood that the Surveyor or surveyors and those who shall be appointed to lay out the Lots aforesaid shall also lay out all the particular Tracts and parcels above mentioned—Lastly the Said Grantors & Proprietors aforesaid do hereby ingage and promise to the Said Grantees to defend them their Heirs and Assigns against all and every Action & lawsuit that shall be prosecuted moved and Stirred against them and any of them by any person or persons whatsoever claiming the said land or any part thereof by any other title than the title of the Said Grantors or that by which they hold or derive theirs from, with this Condition & Limitation that in Case the said Grantees their Heirs or Assigns shall be Ejected & ousted by any Such Right or Title that then they have or Recover nothing of and from the Said Grantors & Proprietors or their Heirs Executors or Administrators for the Labour of the Said Grantees their Heirs and Assigns on the Premises or any part thereof or any Expence they Shall have been at in Consequence of this Grant nor for the land Granted to them or any of them—And it is to be understood that the Said Lots shall be drawn for in the Town of Portsmouth in said Province—

[*Proprietors to John Goffe, 1748.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 24.*]

Portsmouth Jan<sup>ry</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1748—

S<sup>r</sup> Old M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Bradley is now with the Proprietors of Masons Right, Informs them he has Long Improved a Peice of Land Included in our Grant made to you & associats of a Township we are Sorry you omitted mentioning his name with the Rest of the Improvers there, that we might have made him a Suitable grant we however recommend it to you & your Associates that in Laying out your Land into Divissions you Leave a Suitable Tract where his Improvements



are to grant to him in which you have our earnest Desire By order  
of the Proprietors afores<sup>d</sup> your Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

To Cap<sup>t</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Goffe at Souhegan East

Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cl

Portsm<sup>o</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1748

Cap<sup>t</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Goffe

S<sup>r</sup> You may remember in our Grant to you & associates Cap<sup>t</sup> Peckers  
Improvements were mentioned in Peticular thô you know our Deter-  
mination was not to turne any Person makeing improvement off of  
their Possessions that they had Improved we finde this Tenant on his  
Improvement in the Schedule of your grant here we apprehend the  
mistake might arise but this ought not in our opinion to Injure Cap<sup>t</sup>  
Pecker we wish Some Expedient may be found by you & associates  
to help us in Accomodateing this Affair by order of y<sup>e</sup> proprietors  
from Yours

Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cl

[*Vote of the Town of Medford, Mass., 1748/9.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 25.]

At a Town Meeting Legally Conven'd in Medford Jan : 23 : 1748/9—  
Cap<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Brooks was chosen Moderator for s<sup>d</sup> Meeting


Put to Vote whether the Town will chuse and Impower some Per-  
son or Persons to Transact what they may think propper in behalf of  
said Town relating to their Farm at Piscatiquouge so called with those  
Gentlemen of Portsmouth, who have purchased Masons Right or  
Patent. pass'd in the affirmative

Put to Vote whether the Town will chuse two persons for said  
Business. pass'd in the affirmative

Lieu<sup>t</sup> Stephen Hall Jun<sup>r</sup> } were chosen for

Cap<sup>t</sup> Samuel Brooks } s<sup>d</sup> Business

A True Copy as of Record

Attest<sup>r</sup>  Thomas Seccomb Town Cler

[*Petition of John Pecker, 1748/9.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 27.]

To the Gentlemen Proprietors of M<sup>r</sup> Masons Right

Gentlemen

Some years agoe I purchased a tract of Land Near Amuskiege falls  
of Upwards of One hundred Acres Not knowing but the Seller had

good Right to make a Conveyance to me—And I have Since laid Out a Considerable Sum of Money And much labour to make improvements thereon—Which now Appears to be part of the Right which you purchased of M<sup>r</sup> Mason And have Since Granted to Cap<sup>t</sup> Goffe & others It was because that I was not knowing of the Circumstances that I Did not Apply to you Sooner But as I am now informed of your Disposition that every one who has made improvements should enjoy the same if it may be; And Coll<sup>o</sup> Blanchard who is a Gentleman well knowing of the Circumstances and Situation of those places has proposed a Method by which that which I now ask may yet be done without prejudice to any one of which he has inform'd Some of you Gentlemen I therefore Earnestly pray the favour that I may Enjoy those lands Upon such terms as you Grant to others And that you would do Something for me herein As Soon as Conveniently you Can—Your favours in these Regards will Greatly Oblige Your Most Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

Portsm<sup>o</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 15 : 1748

John Pecker

[*Notice of Meeting of Proprietors of Goffstown, 1749.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 28.]

Advertisement

Notice is hereby Given to the proprietors of a new Town Ship Lying to West of merrimack River and Joyning on the North Side of Sowhegan East So Called Granted by the proprietors of Masons Right To the Rev<sup>d</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Parker and Others that they Meet att the house of M<sup>rs</sup> Sarah Prust in portsmouth on Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of June Next at ten of the Clock fore Noon then and there to Act on the following particulars

1<sup>st</sup> To Chuse A moderator

2<sup>d</sup> To See if the proprietors will Allow Certain persons Who have Made Improvements on Said Township Before the Grant was Given (Now in the propriety) their lots without Drawing for them

3<sup>d</sup><sup>y</sup> To See if the proprietors will Vote Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Follensbe the lot that the Mill lot is in on Herry Brook Without Drawing

4<sup>th</sup> To pay the Money prescribed in the Grant & to Draw their Lots

5<sup>th</sup> To Do any Other thing Or things that may Be thought Nessecary for the Speedy Settlement of Said Township or fulfilling the Conditions of Said Grant or for the More full AComplishing any Affairs of the propriety Dated at Sowhegan East May the 26<sup>th</sup> 1749

Ⓢ Order of the Committe

Matt<sup>w</sup> Patten Pro<sup>r</sup>s Clerk

[*Theodore Atkinson to George Jaffrey, 1749.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 28.]

Portsm<sup>o</sup> June 8<sup>th</sup> 1749—

S<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> John M<sup>e</sup>Neal the bearer hereof Tells me he has Lived near Amoskeeg falls for 14 years Past That he hath Six Sons Liveing with him the youngest 17 years old That he has Enclosed about one hundred Acres of Land there great Parte Cleared That he has Stood the fire of the whole war Either at home or at Louisbourg where he had alsoe one Son & Two others Ingaged in the Canada Expedition he has been all a Long Vexed by the Harry town men to his great Loss that he at first Joynd Some Kingstown men in the takeing Possession but they Soon Left him alone to Save you the Trouble I have made this Mem<sup>o</sup> which he Desires may be filed & Laid before the Proprietors for their Consideration to whom he Submits & Prays A Grant with Such additions and Conditions as they may think him worthey of  
Your Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

Theod<sup>r</sup> Atkinson

To M<sup>r</sup> George Jaffrey at Portsm<sup>o</sup>

[*Petition of Isaac Bradley, 1749.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 29.]

To The Honourable Gentlemen Purchassers of the original Right of John Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> Deceas<sup>d</sup>

Gentlemen your humble Petitioner sheweth that where as he has been a great sufferer in the war's; against the french and Indians in time past; viz: that at the age sixteen I was taken at Haverhill, and Carried to Pigwocket, from whence I Escaped and brought off with me; one William Whittiker of about Eleven years of age, to saw Cow forte,—next I was Pilot with Cap<sup>t</sup> Chessley and took and killed fifteen Indians; at winnippissiocki then I was four months under Cor<sup>l</sup> Hilton and Cap<sup>t</sup> Chessley;—after these and other fateauges which I shall not trouble you to tell off; our family being exposed in y<sup>o</sup> then frontiers of Haverhill suffered exceedingly being three times burnt out, loosing all, except our lands, for not less than thirteen of our family, have lost their lives by the Indians and french Enemy upon account of which services and sufferings the Province of the Massachusets were pleased to grant me a Certain tract of Land near Ammaskage on Merrimack-River the laying out of which was all on my Cost, and the Conditions on which it was Granted me I have fulfilled; and have made much Greater Improvements on it; but to my great

Greife, and Detterment, I am trespassed upon by one Thomas Hall, Who pretends that your Honour's have Granted him not only part of my unimproved lands but also severall acres that I have Improved if your Honours will Consider my distressed Condition and Releive me your humble Petitioner shall as in Duty bound ever Pray—  
 Dated Haverhill Isaac Bradley

June the 26<sup>th</sup> 1749

[Note on back of petition.]

all that is to be understood by y<sup>e</sup> Warranty in Marston Leavit & Grant is that in Case a Dispute Should arise & a Law Suit should be commenced that then y<sup>e</sup> Grantees shall be obliged to vouch the Grantors to defend y<sup>e</sup> Title at their (i-e) y<sup>e</sup> Grantees Expence & that y<sup>e</sup> Grantors warrant to defend but one Law Suit to final Judgment against s<sup>d</sup> Tract of Land & in Cais of recovery ags<sup>t</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Grantors that then y<sup>e</sup> Grantees recover nothing of y<sup>e</sup> Grantors  
 for M<sup>r</sup> Parker to Insert in y<sup>e</sup> Grant

[Draft of Lots in Goffstown, 1749.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 30.]

Province of } Portsmouth July 13<sup>th</sup> 1749.—The Shares or Rights of the Grantors & Grantees of that Tract or Par-  
New Hampshire } cel of land Voted and Granted to Thomas Parker of Dracut Sampson Stoddard Esq<sup>r</sup> & others by  
the Purchasers & Proprietors of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> Right in Lands in the Province of New Hampshire drawn  
pursuant to the Vote of Said Purchasers & Proprietors pass'd the 3<sup>d</sup> day of December 1748—viz:

Names drawn to	of first Lots		Place of Range on Piscataquoag River		of 2 <sup>d</sup> Lots		Place of Range on Piscataquoag River		of 3 <sup>d</sup> Lots		Place of Range on Piscataquoag River
	No of Lots	Range	No of Lots	Range	No of Lots	Range	No of Lots	Range	No of Lots	Range	
John Moffatt Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	8	5	South Side		3	north	Range on River	12	2	South Side	
Jotham Odiorne Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	9	4	South Side		3	3	no Side	52	12	north side	
Mark Hunk <sup>r</sup> Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	4	1	So Side		2	7	no Side	47	12	Pisca Riv	
Nathl Meserve Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	11	1	So Side		4	2	no Side	3	12	north Side	
Tho <sup>r</sup> Packer Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	7	1	So Side		3	6	no Side	10		no Side	
John Tufton Mason Esq <sup>r</sup> } & Thomlinson	13	2	So Side		1	4	no Side	8	11	on y <sup>e</sup> East y <sup>e</sup> mill Lot	
Sam <sup>l</sup> Moore Esq <sup>r</sup> } & Dan <sup>l</sup> Peirce	18	1	So Side		1	3	no Side	4		no Side	
Joshua Peirce Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	3	8	no Side		4	3	So Side	45	11	in y <sup>e</sup> no Range on y <sup>e</sup> River	
Law Lot No 2 } W <sup>m</sup> Parker Esq <sup>r</sup> }	2	8	no Side		0	3	So Side	2		So Side	
Tho <sup>r</sup> Parker Clerk . . . . .	6	6	no Side		1	6	So Side	5	12	in y <sup>e</sup> no Range on y <sup>e</sup> River	
John Butterfield . . . . .	3	4	So side		6	5	So Side	7	13	no side	
Robert Davison . . . . .	8		in y <sup>e</sup> no Range on y <sup>e</sup> Riv <sup>r</sup>		1	12	no side	11	4	no Side	

Names drawn to	of first Lots		Place of Range on Piscataquoag River		of 2 <sup>d</sup> Lots		Place of Range on Piscataquoag River		of 3 <sup>d</sup> Lots		Place of Range on Piscataquoag River	
	No of Lots	Range	No of Lots	Range	No of Lots	Range	No of Lots	Range	No of Lots	Range	No of Lots	Range
James Karr . . . . .	6	2	3	so side	4	no side	11	no side	10	no side		
John Goffe jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	6	1	2	so side	6	no side	7	no side	11	no side		
John Moore . . . . .	7	4	4	so side	10	no side	3	no side	11	no side		
Tho <sup>s</sup> Farmer . . . . .	1	3	5	so side	8	no side	4	no side	12	no side		
Sam <sup>l</sup> Patten . . . . .	2	6	2	so side	8	no side	50	no side	12	no side		
Josh <sup>a</sup> Follinsby . . . . .	3	1	4	so side	7	no side	48	no side	12	no side		
Benj <sup>s</sup> Richards . . . . .	10	2	1	so side	7	no side	65	joins on Medford Farm	12	joins on Medford Farm		
John Dow . . . . .	16	1	4	so side	3	no side	5	in y <sup>e</sup> Range on y <sup>e</sup> River	5	in y <sup>e</sup> Range on y <sup>e</sup> River		
Abr <sup>s</sup> Merril . . . . .	4	4	1	so side	5	no side	16	so side	2	so side		
John Jewell . . . . .	6	4	1	so side	9	no side	9	in y <sup>e</sup> no Range upon y <sup>e</sup> River	9	in y <sup>e</sup> no Range upon y <sup>e</sup> River		
Eben <sup>s</sup> Martin . . . . .	5	2	5	so side	4	no side	64	so side	64	on y <sup>e</sup> so side of Piscataquoag on Medford Farm		
James Addams . . . . .	10	4	4	so side	4	no side	1	so side	13	no side		
Job Keefer . . . . .	15	1	2	so side	4	no side	6	no side	11	no side		
Will Reed . . . . .	1	5	4	so side	5	no side	4	no side	7	no side		
Will Cummins . . . . .	14	2	2	so side	3	no side	9	no side	9	in y <sup>e</sup> Range on y <sup>e</sup> River		
Will McJoel . . . . .	9	1	6	so side	3	no side	6	no side	13	no side		
Peter Moss . . . . .	14	1	7	so side	5	so side	1	so side	1	joins on White's Farm		
Joseph Kennedy . . . . .	11	2	1	so side	8	no side	10	no side	11	on y <sup>e</sup> no side		
Nath <sup>l</sup> Martin . . . . .	60	14	3	no side	9	no side	5	no side	5	so side		

James Kennedy . . . . .	8	so side	5	10	no side	3	13	no side
first Ministers Lot . . . . .	7	No side	12	11	no side	3	5	so side
Theodore Atkinson Esqur . . . . .	2	South side	4	8	north Side	51	13	no side Piscata- quog River
Mark Hunk <sup>r</sup> Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	8	South side	2	10	north side	1	11	no side
John Wentworth jun <sup>r</sup> Esqur . . . . .	2	No Side	the	two	other Lots	to	be	pitch <sup>d</sup> for
Tho <sup>s</sup> Wallingford Esqur . . . . .	13	So Side	4	4	on y <sup>e</sup> River	5	1	So Side
Geo: Jaffrey . . . . .	2	So Side	6	4	no side	56	14	no Side
J <sup>n</sup> Tufton Mason Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	5	no Side	3	5	So side	6	8	no Side
for Solly & March . . . . .	17	So Side	2	2	no Side	62		South Side of y <sup>e</sup> Range on Riv <sup>r</sup>
Rich <sup>d</sup> Wibird Esqur . . . . .	8	So Side	1	2	no Side	55	14	no side
Law Lot No 1 . . . . .	1	So Side	5	7	no Side	59	14	no side
Mathew Livermore Esqur <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	2	So side	6	5	no Side	58	14	no side
School Lot . . . . .	11	So Side	3	1	no side	6		in y <sup>e</sup> Range
Sampson Stoddard Esqur . . . . .	9	so side	6	10	no side	11	11	on y <sup>e</sup> River
Joseph Blanchard jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	2	So Side	3	6	no side	4	13	no side
John Combs . . . . .	4	so side	1	6	no side	14	13	no side
John Goffe Esqur . . . . .	3	so side	4	9	no side	4	11	no side
Mathew Patten . . . . .	8	So side	5	3	no side	15	2	So side
Timo Codis . . . . .	4	so side	4	6	no side	49	12	no side
Zach <sup>s</sup> Cutting . . . . .	5	so side	3	2	no side	8		in y <sup>e</sup> Range
Alex <sup>r</sup> Walker . . . . .	11	so side	1	10	no side	7		on y <sup>e</sup> River
Caleb Page . . . . .	3	so side	2	1	no side	6		in y <sup>e</sup> Range
Caleb Emery . . . . .	9	so side	2	1	no side	57	14	on y <sup>e</sup> River
Peter Herriman . . . . .	3	so side	5	6	no side	61	14	in y <sup>e</sup> no Range
Benj <sup>r</sup> Stevens . . . . .	2	so side	3	7	no side	14		on y <sup>e</sup> River
Eph <sup>m</sup> Martin . . . . .	3	so side	3	3	no side	14		no side

Names drawn to	of first Lots		Place of Range on Piscataquoag River		of 2 <sup>d</sup> Lots		Place of Range on Piscataquoag River		of 3 <sup>d</sup> Lots		Place of Range on Piscataquoag River	
	No of Lots	Range	No of Lots	Range	No of Lots	Range	No of Lots	Range	No of Lots	Range	No of Lots	Range
Aaron Wells . . . . .	2	9	n <sup>o</sup> side	7	2	s <sup>o</sup> side	5	11	n <sup>o</sup> side	5	11	n <sup>o</sup> side
Will : Orr. . . . .	10	1	s <sup>o</sup> side	5	2	n <sup>o</sup> side	63		on y <sup>e</sup> River above Medford Farm			
John Keeder . . . . .			s <sup>o</sup> side	2	5	n <sup>o</sup> side	4	4	s <sup>o</sup> side			
James M <sup>e</sup> knight . . . . .	5	4	s <sup>o</sup> side	5	9	n <sup>o</sup> side	2	11	n <sup>o</sup> side			
Sam <sup>l</sup> Griggs . . . . .	6	3	s <sup>o</sup> side	1	1	n <sup>o</sup> side	5	7	n <sup>o</sup> side			
Rob <sup>t</sup> Gilmore . . . . .	7	3	s <sup>o</sup> side	1	4	s <sup>o</sup> side	8	12	n <sup>o</sup> side			
Caleb Dalton . . . . .	9	2	n <sup>o</sup> side	12	1	s <sup>o</sup> side	53	12	n <sup>o</sup> side			
James Walker . . . . .	5	5	n <sup>o</sup> side	6	9	n <sup>o</sup> side	2	13	n <sup>o</sup> side			
Tho <sup>s</sup> Follansby . . . . .	1	1	S <sup>o</sup> side	6	12	n <sup>o</sup> side	9		upon y <sup>e</sup> River Piscataqu.			
Ministry Lot . . . . .	3	2	n <sup>o</sup> side	10	5	S <sup>o</sup> side	9	11	No side			
	8	6	n <sup>o</sup> side									

Voted that this Draft of y<sup>e</sup> Lots of land in y<sup>e</sup> Tract herein above mentioned be and hereby is Ratified & confirmed and that each Lot be held to the Respective Person to whose name it is affixed & to his heirs and assigns in Severally on the Terms &c first granted and that the Division as made by the Grantees and numbered in the Plan thereof by them returned though different from the Method Prescribed by the Vote by which Said Land was granted be & hereby is also Confirmed as aforesaid—

Geo : Jaffrey Prop<sup>s</sup> Cl



[*Petition for Highway, 1750.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 30.]

To the propriotors of Cap<sup>t</sup> Masons Right In the provence of New Hampshir

The Humble petision of Sundry parsons Settling the new Towns to the west of merrimack River Granted by your Hon<sup>rs</sup> Shueth that your pett<sup>rs</sup> are hindred and Intrupted in the way to the ferry at ameskeeg by Reson of fences maid upon the Land Lying between Londonderry Line and said ferry wich Land is not Granted by your Hon<sup>rs</sup> to any body as we know of and therefore your pettisioners Humbly pray your Hon<sup>rs</sup> to order Some meet parsons to Lay out a way in the most Subtile place to Git to the S<sup>d</sup> ferry and your pet<sup>rs</sup> as in Duty bound Shall Evere pray

Nameskeeg fall may y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1750

John Goffe

George Clark

Ebenezer martan

Jonethan Martain

Thomas Hall

Thomas Smith

Caleb Page Jun<sup>r</sup>

John Hogg

Caleb Page

William Ranken

William Hogg

[*Notice for Meeting of Proprietors of Goffstown, 1750.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 31.]

Advertisement

Agreeable to a Supplication of a Number of the prop<sup>rs</sup> of Goffes town So Called to me the Subscriber for a Notifycation for a meeting of the prop<sup>rs</sup> of Goffes town afore Said Notice is hereby Given to the prop<sup>rs</sup> of Said Goffes town that they meet on the Lot Number Seven in the Sixth Rang of Lots on the North Side piscataquog River in S<sup>d</sup> Goffes Town in the province of New Hampshire on tuesday the twenty Eighth Day of this Instant August at ten of the Clock fore Noon then and there to Act on the following Articles Viz—

1<sup>st</sup> To Chuse a moderator

2<sup>dly</sup> To Chuse a Committee to Lay Out a place for a Bridge over piscataquog River and to lay out a highway from Bedford to Starks town and from Merrimack River to New Boston and to Clear the Same So as to make it feasable passing it Appearing that Roads Cannot without much Deficualty be Made where the land is Allowed for them

3<sup>dly</sup> To See what Encouragemente the prop<sup>rs</sup> Will Give to Any

person that will Build a Saw mill Derictly Cap<sup>t</sup> Follensbe haveing Not performed to Build a Saw mill aCording to the paragrapht in the Charter of Said Goffes town

4<sup>thly</sup> To Chuse all Officers in the propriety that Shall be Judged Needfull for the prosecuting any Affair of the prop<sup>rs</sup>

5<sup>thly</sup> To Do any thing or things the prop<sup>rs</sup> Shall think Necessary  
Dated at Bedford August 7<sup>th</sup> 1750

Math<sup>w</sup> Patten Pro<sup>rs</sup> Clerk

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[*Proprietors to Capt. Thomas Follansbee, 1750.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 32.*]

Portsm<sup>o</sup> August the 9<sup>th</sup> 1750

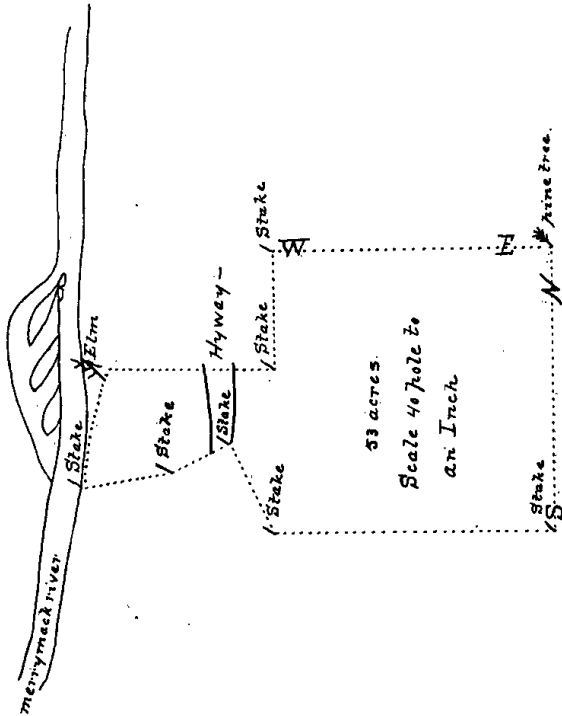
Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Follensby

By order of the Proprietors of the Lands Purchased of John Tuffton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in the Province of New Hampshire, I am Directed to inform you, that they have been for some time Concerned at the Discouragement you Give to the Settlement of the Tract of Land Granted to Cap<sup>t</sup> John Goffe and others, by not Building a Mill and Sawing Timber for the Grantees &<sup>st</sup> Agreeable to the Condition of the Grant of the Mill Priviledge and at this time Cap<sup>t</sup> Goffe inform's the Proprietors, that you Neglect to build a Mill for the Purpose aforesaid, which prove's very Detrimental to the Settlement of said Tract of Land—which Omission the Proprietors look upon as a Matter of Importance and that your Neglect whether Willfull or not is not to be overlook't much longer, and if you do not comply with the Condition of the Grant to you of that Priviledge, Immediately the Grantees shall have the Benefit of that Priviledge, by putting it into the Power of some Person disposed to Serve them—

by order of the Proprietors

Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cler

[Land of Heirs of Alexander McMurphy, 1751.]



it is to be understood that the Southeast Corner of that part of this plan that Joyns to Merrymack River is by the Hyway at the place where Christians Brook (so Called) Crosses the Same,

This is a plan of the Land Ascertaind to the Heirs of M<sup>r</sup> Alexander McMurphy Dece<sup>d</sup> at Namaskeag falls and Contains fifty three Acres with a Com'on Allowance for Swag of Chain Surveyed  $\frac{1}{2}$  me June 25<sup>th</sup> 1751

Math<sup>w</sup> Patten

This may Certifie that I was present at the Measuring and Bounding the Above peice of Land According to y<sup>e</sup> Directions to me Given by the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of Masons Right, the most Com'odious with the least Prejudice According to my Judgment and left allowance for a Hyway Six Rods wide thro the Same Where Marked in y<sup>e</sup> plan  
Joseph Blanchard

[*Deposition of Robert Adams and Matthew Patten, 1752.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 33.]

Province of } Robert Addams of Londonderry yeoman of Lawfull  
New Hamp<sup>r</sup> } age and Matthew Patten of Bedford yeoman of Lawfull  
age both of Said province Testyfieth and Sayeth that on the Seventh  
day of March 1752 we See M<sup>r</sup> James Macgregore of Londonderry  
afore Said yeoman Enter upon a lott of the Right of William Orr's  
(Granted by the proprietors of Lands Purchased of John Tuffton  
Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> to him in that Tract of land granted to M<sup>r</sup> Thomas  
Parker and Others) and then and there the Said James Macgregore  
did Cutt and fell Six Small trees and Broke the Swoard of the Ground  
and that he Did Declare that he did make that Seizion in the Name  
and behalf of the proprietors of lands purchased of John Tuffton  
Masson Esq<sup>r</sup> afore Said and on aCcount of all the Other Lotts belong-  
ing to Said Orrs Right

Londonderry March 10<sup>th</sup> 1752

Robert Adams  
Math<sup>v</sup> Patten

Province of } Londonderry March y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1752.  
New Hampshire } Then the above named Robert Adams, and Mathew  
Patten Personally appeared and Made Solemn oath to the truth of  
the above Deposition, by them Subscribed

John Macmurphy } Quorum  
Robert Boyes } unus

[*Petition of Thomas Hall, 1759.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 34.]

To the Gentlemen Proprietors of the Right heretofore of Tuffton  
Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> / in Lands in New Hampshire

The Humble Petition of Thomas Hall of Goffs Town in the Prov-  
ince aforesaid Tavernkeeper Sheweth

That your Petitioner has been in Possession of the Islands in Ambuskeeg Falls for the Space of Eleven Years, last past;

That he being desirous of having a Clear and indisputed Title thereto

Humbly prays a Grant thereof from You upon such Terms as to You may seem meet and reasonable

And Yo<sup>r</sup> Pet<sup>r</sup> shall ever pray &c

Thomas Hall

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[*Notice of Meeting of Proprietors of Goffstown.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 34.]

Notice is hereby Given to the proprietors of that Tract of land lying to the North of Sowhegan East So Called & on the west Side of Merrimack River Granted by the purchasers of M<sup>r</sup> Masons Right to the Rev<sup>d</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Parker and Others: That they Meet at the Dwelling house of M<sup>rs</sup> Sarah Prust in Portsmouth On thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of July Next at ten of Clock forenoon then and there to act on the following Articles Viz—

1<sup>st</sup> To Chuse a moderator—

2<sup>d</sup> To see if the proprietors will Vote Certain persons that have made Improvement or Settled on S<sup>d</sup> Tract of Land their Rights without Drawing as they are Qualified including the lot they have improved on—

3<sup>d</sup> To See if the proprietors will vote Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Follensbe his Right without Drawing One lot Being that which includes the Mill lot

4<sup>th</sup> To pay the Money prescribed in the Grant and Draw their Lots

5 To Do any Other things they Shall think Needfull for the fulling any articles in the Grant

By Order of the Com<sup>t</sup>

Matt<sup>v</sup> Patten Prop<sup>rs</sup> Clere

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[*Proprietors to John Goffe.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 35.]

To Cap<sup>t</sup> John Goffe of Souhegan East in the Province of New Hampshire Esqu<sup>r</sup>

Whereas we have been inform'd that Sundry Persons have lately entred with force and Arms into and upon the tract of land which we have granted to Thomas Parker & others within the Claim which

we have under Cap<sup>t</sup> Mason and have Committed great waste of the Timber there & manufactured and Converted a Considerable Quantity thereof into Clapboards & shingles and have removed the Same off from the Said tract of land on other lands within our Claim nigh the river above amaskege falls which we apprehend has been done in Defiance of our Said Claim

You are therefore hereby impowered & Authorized by us to take the Said Clapboards & shingles where you may find them upon any of our lands & dispose thereof to the best advantage for our Use and render us an Account thereof the first convenient Oppertunity dated at Portsmouth y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> of January 1748—

you are hereby authorized to agree and Compound with the Person or Persons who have done the Matters above mentioned on Such Terms as you shall think proper for our use & in our behalf and render an Account of your doings as above

John Moffat

Rich<sup>d</sup> Wibird

Nath<sup>l</sup> Meserve

D Peirce

Theod<sup>r</sup> Atkinson

J Odiorne

Tho<sup>s</sup> Packer

Josh<sup>a</sup> Peirce

Sam<sup>l</sup> Solly

Mark H<sup>s</sup> Wentworth

Geo: Jaffrey jur

A Copy Examin'd

Ⓢ Geo: Jaffrey jr

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### GOSHEN.

[Made up from parts of Newport, Sunapee, Newbury, Lempster, and Unity, and incorporated Dec. 27, 1791. The boundary lines were established June 22, 1797, and partly changed June 17, 1806. A part of Unity was annexed July 6, 1837.]

See XII, Hammond Town Papers, 46; Index to Laws, 211; sketch, Hurd's History of Sullivan County, 1886, p. 168; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 13; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 447.]

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[*William Shattuck to M. W. Peirce, 1816.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 86.*]

Mr Peirce

Sir I was in formed by Mr Samuel Jackman that you wished to know respecting his & his Br John Jackmans moral Carrecter. I have ben acquainted with them from boys. & I believe them to be moral industreous men. Mr Jackman also informed me that he had made a mistake in purchasing a lot of land of you the mistake was this, he had taken a deed of No 19 instead of No 15. No 15 I know



it lyes in Washington about 180 rod from the North E corner of s<sup>d</sup> Washington & is a part of what we call the Gore going to lot No—14 which I bought of your Uncle Joseph peirce Esq<sup>r</sup> S<sup>d</sup> No 15 is very much torn to pieces with the wind—

I think it provable I Shall make you a payment next winter this from yours & C.

Mark W Peirce

William Shattuck

Dated at Bradford the 30<sup>th</sup> of Oct. 1816

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[*John Jackman to M. W. Peirce, 1816.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 37.*]

Bradford Nov 1 1816

Dear Sir I have searched the lines of the Lots in the strip of land mentioned in the Deed Peirces to Jackmans and find that Lot 19 lies in Goshen where it will be no benefit to me (or of no great benefit) it is not the lot which I thought of purchasing the Lot which I wanted and which I thought that I had bought is numbered 15 I do not doubt but this was the lot you meant to convey to us I would agree that the number 19 be altered to number 15 in the Deed Peirces to Jackmans and in the Deed Jackmans to Peirces, Yours with respect

John Jackman

Mr Mark W Peirce

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[*M. W. Peirce's Agreement, 1816.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 37.*]

Portsmouth 2<sup>d</sup> November 1816

I sold to John & Samuel Jackman on the 24<sup>th</sup> October last a lot of Land Number Nineteen in Goshen part of the strip of Land between Fishersfield & Washington & Now the Said Samuel Comes and says he did not intend to buy Number Nineteen but Wished to purchase Number fifteen in the same strip & I have consented to exchange said Lots when they shall execute to me a good & sufficient deed of the one sold them but this is to be done by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January next

M. W. Peirce



## GREENFIELD.

[Made up of Lyndeborough Gore, and parts of Society Land, Peterborough, and Lyndeborough. Sometimes called *Lyndeborough Addition*. Incorporated June 15, 1791. The line with Lyndeborough was corrected Dec. 26, 1791. The boundaries were changed and established Dec. 29, 1791. A portion of the town was annexed to Francestown Dec. 11, 1792, and another July 4, 1872.

See XII, Hammond Town Papers, 61; Index to Laws, 220; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 176; sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 331.]

[*Nathan Cram's Lot in Greenfield.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 38.]

a certain Tract of Land being part of Lot N<sup>o</sup> 10. in Lyndsborough, now Greenfield, contain<sup>s</sup> 30 Acres more or less bounded as follows, Viz beginning at the N. E. Corner of said Lot, thence running West by Lot N<sup>o</sup> 13, half the breadth of said Lot, thence Souther<sup>y</sup> to Land conveyed by us to Asa Wilkins thence East<sup>y</sup> on a Line parallel to the North Line of said Lot by said Land to the East<sup>y</sup> Line of said Lot, thence North<sup>y</sup> by said Line to the bounds first begun at. the Premises contain<sup>s</sup>  $\frac{3}{16}$ <sup>ths</sup> of the Easterly half of said Lot

Nathan Cram—Yeoman Conveyed to him Thomlinsons undivided half £15. to be paid in 3 Years a mortgage

Beginning at the N. W. Corner at a Stake and Stones from thence East by Col<sup>d</sup> Boldins Land 160 Rods to a Stake and Stones thence South by Land of M<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Chambling j<sup>r</sup> 43 Rods to a Stake & Stones By the Road thence West 80 Rods By Said Road to a Stake & Stones thence South By Land of Said Lot 57 Rods to a Stake and Stones thence West By Land of S<sup>d</sup> Lot 80 Rods to a Stake & Stones thence North By the West Line of S<sup>d</sup> Lot 100 Rods to the bounds first mentioned Containing 71 $\frac{1}{2}$  Acores be the Same more or Less

## HAMPTON.

[Granted by Massachusetts as *Winnacunnet* March 3, 1635. The name was changed to Hampton Sept. 4, 1639. Hampton Falls was set off as a parish and incorporated Nov. 23, 1726. North Hill Parish was set off and incorporated as North Hampton Nov. 30, 1742.

See Massachusetts charters preceding; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 331; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 99; Index to Laws, 226; Farmer's Belknap's History of N. H., chaps. 1 and 2, *et seq.*; Historical Address, by Joseph Dow, 1838, pub. 1839, pp. 44; historical manuscripts, by E. W. Toppan, in possession of Christopher G. Toppan of Hampton; History, by Joseph Dow, 1894, 2 vols.; papers

relating to the town in appendix to preceding volume; sketch, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 317; authorities cited under titles Dover, Exeter, Gosport, New Castle, and Portsmouth; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 63; Account of the Earthquake, 1727, by N. Gookin, 4, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 92; Inscriptions, by D. W. Holmes, 11, *id.*, 77; Petition of S. Cotton, Minister, 1685, 2, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 204; Congregationalists, by Joseph Fullonton, 1, *Granite Monthly*, 119; The Beautiful Place of Pines, sketch, by Lucy E. Dow, 1888, pp. 31; Dedication of Webster Memorial Chapel, 1894, pp. 20; Rev. Stephen Bachiler, by Charles E. Batchelder, reprinted from N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, Jan., 1892, pp. 23; Meshech Weare, by Ezra S. Stearns, 1894, pp. 22; sermon, Dedication of New Meeting House of Congregational Society, 1797, by Jesse Appleton, 1797, pp. 32.]

[*Petition of Hampton Men, 1748.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 39.*]

Province of } To the Gentle men that Claim some Part of the  
New Hampsher } ungranted land in said Province by vertue of their  
Purchis of mr Tuffin Mason / where as the late Assembly of  
said Province Did Pass some Votes in order to agree with and bye  
said Claim of said Purchisors for the Inhabitants which we should  
been glad If it had been Effected / we the subscribers Inhabitants of  
the Town of Hampton Desier we may have some of those lands Con-  
ferred to us on Reasonable terms

Hampton November y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1748

William Stanford	Prudence Hilton	Nathaniel Mason
Jonathan Moulton	Joshua winget Junr	John winget
Samuel Palmer y <sup>e</sup> third	Stephen Page Junr	Henry Moulton
John Batchelder	Nathanell Batchelder Junr	John Moulton y <sup>e</sup> third
Samuel Garland	Samuel Dow	thomas Batchelder
Edward Moulton	John Lamprey	thomas Hains
Mariss Lamprey	Jeremiah towle	Reuben Samburn
Robert Moulton	Stephen Page Seur	John Knowls
Jarmiah Marston	Simon Marston	Jarmiah Marston Jur.
Elisha Marston	John Moulton Jun <sup>r</sup>	Tho <sup>s</sup> Moulton
Simon Dow sener	Ephraim Marston Junr	John Marston Junr
Ephraim Moulton	Gamallel Knowls	Joseph Dow
Robert Moulton the third	John Sleeper	William Vitton
Joseph Pellet	Caleb towle	Clement Jackson
Christefer Toppen	Levi Dearborn	Benjam <sup>n</sup> Dearborn
Jon <sup>a</sup> Moulton Jun <sup>r</sup>	Josiah Moulton Jun <sup>r</sup>	Jon <sup>a</sup> Leavitt
Nathan Moulton	Josiah Moulton 3 <sup>d</sup>	Jon <sup>a</sup> Moulton 3 <sup>d</sup>
Philip Hooker	Jon <sup>a</sup> Garland	Daniel Marston

Jacob Moulton  
Benj<sup>a</sup> Randill

John Knowls  
John Mores

John Tuck  
Eben<sup>r</sup> Meloon

[*Vote of the Town of Hampton, 1748.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 40.*]

Province of New Hampsher December y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1748

At a meeting of sundry of the town of Hampton who lately Requested for some of the lands laying within the Claim of and of the Gentlemen that Purchessed of mr Tuffin Mason

(1) that we Cannot take up with the Propseals made to us by Mr Samburn from said Gentle men to be mixed with the Inhabitants of other towns Voted

(2) yet we are willing to have some of said lands upon Reasonable terms If we can be to Gether and not mixt with the Inhabitants of other towns and have it as near to us as may be Voted

3<sup>ly</sup> that Capt Ephraim Marston Dea<sup>e</sup> Joseph Philbrick and En Jonathan Leavit or Either of them are here by Choose to go to said Gentle men and shew them our mind and Request in said affair Voted  
attst Samuel Palmer

### HENNIKER.

[This town was *Number 6* in the line of towns from Merrimack to Connecticut River, granted by Massachusetts Jan. 16, 1735-6. As some of the grantees came from Marlborough, Mass., it was sometimes called *New Marlborough* or *Marlborough-town*. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, July 16, 1752, to Andrew Todd and others, and sometimes called *Todd's-town*. Incorporated as Henniker Nov. 10, 1768, and named in honor of John Henniker, M. P.

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 189; Index to Laws, 235; History, by L. W. Cogswell, 1880, pp. 807; sketch, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 340; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 22; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 387; address, 115th anniversary of Congregational Church, by J. M. R. Eaton, 1884; Historical Address, 66th Anniversary of Formation of Bible Class, May 1, 1814, by L. W. Cogswell, pp. 16.]

[*Petition of Webster and Smith, 1748.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 20.*]

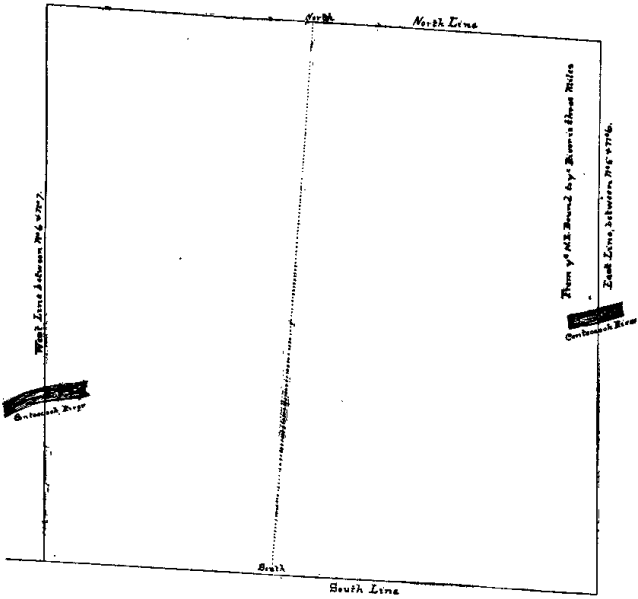
Portsmouth October 29<sup>th</sup> 1748

To the Gentlemen Purchasers & Proprietors of Masons Right in y<sup>e</sup> Lands in y<sup>e</sup> Prov<sup>e</sup> of New: Hampshire

We the Subscribers in behalfe of our Selves and others a Sufficient number of persons to Settle a Township of Six Miles Square among Such a Number of Settlers and upon Such Terms as you shall think meet, and shall be most agreable to you; We propose that tract of land, laid out by y<sup>e</sup> Mass<sup>a</sup> Government for Six Miles Square and called Marlborough Town joining easterly upon Hopkinton so called & westerly N<sup>o</sup> 7 so called, northerly by Almsbury Town so called, Southerly by ungranted Lands—or if not in the Six miles Square described; where else it will best Suit y<sup>e</sup> Proprieters & your favours will very much Oblige us and others your Petitioners

John Webster  
Nat<sup>l</sup> Smith

[*Smith and Webster's Plan of Henniker.*]



This Plan describeth a Tract, or Parcel of Land lying partly on y<sup>e</sup> North side, & partly on y<sup>e</sup> south side of y<sup>e</sup> River called Contoocook River, being y<sup>e</sup> sixth in Number of y<sup>e</sup> Townships which were, some years ago granted by y<sup>e</sup> General Court of y<sup>e</sup> Province of y<sup>e</sup> Massachusetts Bay, & laid out by order of y<sup>e</sup> said Court, commonly called, The Line of Towns. The said Tract or Parcel of Land bounded, & extending as follows; viz—

Beginning at y<sup>e</sup> Southeasterly Corner at a Hemlock-Tree, with Stones about it, y<sup>e</sup> said tree spotted on four sides, & marked with y<sup>e</sup> Letter H, & ye Figure 5 on y<sup>e</sup> easterly side; & with the Figure 6 on y<sup>e</sup> westerly side. Then running west five Degrees south, six Miles, to a Beach tree with Stones about it, spotted on four sides, & marked with y<sup>e</sup> Letters J W on y<sup>e</sup> easterly side, & J W & E W on y<sup>e</sup> westerly side. Then running North, fourteen degrees west, six miles by N<sup>o</sup> 7, to a Beach Tree with Stones about it, spotted on four sides, & marked with y<sup>e</sup> Letters J W & y<sup>e</sup> figure 9 on y<sup>e</sup> south side; & with IX on y<sup>e</sup> north side; & several of y<sup>e</sup> Trees near it are marked with y<sup>e</sup> Letters of Mens Names. Then running East, five degrees north, six miles, to a white Oak tree with Stones about it, spotted on four sides, marked with y<sup>e</sup> figure 6 on y<sup>e</sup> westerly side, & with y<sup>e</sup> numeral Letter V on y<sup>e</sup> easterly side. Then running south, fourteen degrees east, (by N<sup>o</sup> 5) six miles, across Contoocook River, to y<sup>e</sup> first Mentioned Bound.

James Scales Surveyor.

Nat<sup>l</sup> smith } Chain  
Philip Eastman } men

[Names of Applicants for Henniker, 1748.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 41.]

Rumford November y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 1748—

We the Subscribers promise to Settle a Township that Shall be granted Between a place Called N- B 5 / and N B 7

David Evens	Abraham Kimbal	Ruben Burbank
Peter Boueres	George Hall	Leborn Peters
Isaac Walker J <sup>r</sup>	Joseph Walker	Joseph Farnam
Dan <sup>l</sup> Chase	Eb <sup>r</sup> Hall	Ab <sup>m</sup> Colbe
John Evans	Jerem <sup>n</sup> Stickney	Isaac Chandler
Ezra Carter	Aron Stevens	Edward Abbott J <sup>r</sup>
James Scales Esq <sup>r</sup>	Joseph Simons	Tho <sup>s</sup> Manuel
Amos Eastman	Daniel Annis	William Moor
John Webster	Nath <sup>l</sup> Smith	John Pudney Jun <sup>r</sup>

Jacob Hoyt	W <sup>m</sup> Peters	Ruben Abbott
Sam <sup>l</sup> Rodgers	John Burbank	Henry Pudney
Isaac Chandler Jun <sup>r</sup>	Nath <sup>n</sup> Lovejoy	Sam <sup>l</sup> Pudney
Benj <sup>a</sup> Fyfield	David Foster	Jerem <sup>h</sup> Bradley
Jerem <sup>h</sup> Dresser	Eph <sup>m</sup> Farnum	Stephen Farrington
Nath <sup>l</sup> West	Caleb Burbank	James Osgood
John Hoyt	Benj <sup>a</sup> Eastman	Timothy Burbank

[*Timothy Walker's Request*, 1748.]

[*Masonian Papers*, Vol. 6, p. 42.]

Rumford Nov<sup>r</sup> 9 1748

S<sup>r</sup> I understand that a Number of Persons hereabouts have Employed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Webster & Smith to Petition y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors of Masons Patent for a Tract of Land Known amongst us by y<sup>e</sup> name of Marlborough Town, I have such a Right there as y<sup>e</sup> Massachusetts Government Could Grant & should have made considerable Improvements there before y<sup>e</sup> war, but that y<sup>e</sup> House lott first laid out to me was not suitable for a settlement and it was but y<sup>e</sup> fall before y<sup>e</sup> war broke out that I had opportunity to get it Changed, now if y<sup>e</sup> Gentlemen should doe any thing in y<sup>e</sup> affair if you would Interpose your Kind offices on my behalf so that I might loose neither my Lott which I procured to be laid out at my own additional cost nor my Right, I should Think my self much obliged to you & y<sup>e</sup> other Gentlemen concerned with you for any favour shown me relating to y<sup>e</sup> premises & Stand ready to comply with any orders or conditions Imposed on me relating to settlement & charges &c— I suppose some body from our Town will speedily be att Portsmouth in order to solliscit for a settlement of affairs with us I subscribe with all due Deference your very Humble serv<sup>t</sup>—

Timothy Walker

Honou<sup>ble</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esqr

[*Petition of Andrew Todd and Others.*]

[*Masonian Papers*, Vol. 6, p. 43.]

Prov<sup>e</sup> of New Hampshire } To the Hon<sup>l</sup> the Purchasers & Proprietors of Mason's Right so called—

We the Subscribers Freeholders & Inhabitants of Said Province having an Inclination to Setle & improve some Part of S<sup>r</sup> Right Humbly desire that we may have a Township granted us at or near

Hale's Town so called upon y<sup>e</sup> Same Terms & Conditions that you grant to our Neighbours or in Such other Place & upon Such other Terms as shall be most for y<sup>e</sup> Common Benefit & Advantage of you & us—

1 And <sup>r</sup> Todd	2 John macmurphy	3 Samuell Boys
4 Robert Cochran	5 James Willson sen <sup>r</sup>	6 Thomas Willson
7 James Willson 3 <sup>th</sup>	8 George Robertson	9 James Robertson
10 Robert Parkison	11 Henry Parkison	12 James Petterson
13 William Nickells	14 Tho <sup>s</sup> Gregg	15 Tho <sup>s</sup> M <sup>c</sup> Clerey
16 Alex <sup>s</sup> mcCollom	17 John Reside	18 George Adison
19 Sam <sup>l</sup> Stewart	20 James Thompson Jun <sup>r</sup>	21 John Hillands
22 James Willson Jun <sup>r</sup>	23 Robert Wwear	24 John Pinkerton sen <sup>r</sup>
25 John Pinkerton Jun <sup>r</sup>	26 Joseph Stewart	27 James Todd
28 Sam <sup>l</sup> Todd	29 Nat <sup>l</sup> Hoalms	30 Neall Hamell
31 Joseph Hamell	32 Joseph Bell	33 John Stewart
34 John Richey	35 Tho <sup>s</sup> Boyes	36 Tho <sup>s</sup> Davidson
37 John Davidson	38 John Duncan	39 George Duncan
40 Will <sup>m</sup> Duncan mill <sup>r</sup>	41 Henry Erwin	42 Will <sup>m</sup> forrest
43 Tho <sup>s</sup> Cochran	44 James Cochran	45 Anthony Dyer
46 Will <sup>m</sup> Marten	47 John Scobey	48 David Scobey
49 James Rodgers	50 Elli Boyd	51 John Humphra
52 James Humphra	53 William Galt	54 James Reid
55 Sam <sup>l</sup> Alleson Jun <sup>r</sup>	56 Jacob Sargent	57 John Archibald
58 Joseph Willson	59 James Smith	60 James Willson
61 Mathew Taylor	62 William Ayers	63 Robert Riddall
64 William Hoalms	65 Joseph Boyes	66 Sam <sup>l</sup> Moore
67 James Wallace sen <sup>r</sup>	68 Robert fairservice	69 James Ewins
70 William Rodgers Sen <sup>r</sup>	71 Hugh mounگونry Jun <sup>r</sup>	72 James Rodgers
73 James Allexander Black smith	74 Robert Lieution	[taylor—

[Charter of Henniker, 1752.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, July 16, 1752.]

Province of } Portsmouth July 16<sup>th</sup> 1752. Thursday five of  
New Hampshire } the Clock Afternoon At the house of Ann Slay-  
ton the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Voted That There be and hereby is Granted unto John Macmurphy Esq<sup>r</sup> Andrew Todd Gent. Samuel Barr Gent. The Rev<sup>d</sup> William Davidson Clerk Robert Cochran Gent Robert Livingston Blacksmith Robert Wallace Yeoman Nathaniel Aikin Yeoman John Mack Blacksmith John Macmurphy jun<sup>r</sup> John Pinkerton Mathew Pinkerton

Daniel Leslie James Wilson the Third James Ewens Yeomen John Reside Weaver John Scobey Joseph Bell John Caldwell Yeomen William Ayres Tanner John Loggan Clothier John Loggan jun<sup>r</sup> Weaver James Smith John Duncan Yeomen Isaac Brewster Weaver John M<sup>c</sup>Cullum Alexand<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Cullum Alexander Macmurphy James Wallace John Clarke George Duncan David Archibald William Mack jun<sup>r</sup> John Stuart Thomas Boyes James Humphry Robert Fairservice Samuel Allison jun<sup>r</sup> James Wilson of the South James Peterson Yeomen Robert Wear Leather Breeches maker Alexander M<sup>c</sup>Cullum jun<sup>r</sup> James Wilson jun<sup>r</sup> Robert Wilson Alexander Wilson William Rodgers Robert Rodgers Joseph Wilson Thomas Gregg Robert M<sup>c</sup>Curdy Yeomen Hugh Wilson Gent Alexander Craige James Todd Samuel Todd William Ayres jun<sup>r</sup> Yeomen all of Londonderry in said Province George Robertson of Chester in said Province Yeoman William Holms of Bedford in said Province Yeoman & William Peters of a place called Hopkinton in said Province Yeoman—In Equal shares on the Terms Conditions and Limitations herein after Expressed All the Right Title Claim Inheritance Estate and Demand of the said Proprietors to that Tract of land within the Province aforesaid Containing Six Miles Square by Estimation or equal thereto Bounded as follows Viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at the North West Corner (nearest) of New Hopkinton so Called thence on a Strait line to the North East Corner of Hilsborough so Called being by Estimation Six Miles then by said Hilsborough line to the South East Corner thereof being Supposed to be six Miles then on a Strait line to the South West Corner of said New Hopkinton then by that to the Corner where it begins all the said lines being Supposed to be six miles each—To have and to Hold the said Granted Premises to them their Heirs and Assigns in Equal Shares on the following Terms Conditions & Limitations That is to say that the whole Tract of Land above described be divided into Eighty Rights or equal Shares and Each Share into Three Lots which are to be so Sorted & Joined as to make the shares as equal as possible both for Quality and Quantity—That land be left between y<sup>e</sup> lots for Convenient High ways—That the whole be Surveyed & so Divided & laid out into Lots the lots Ranged and Numberd & an exact plan Thereof made & Returned to the Grantors within six Months from the Date hereof and upon the Return of said plan the lots to be drawn for in the Customary manner in such Cases at Portsmouth aforesaid under the Direction of the Grantors with this Exception that one lot belonging to one of the said Reserved Shares shall contain a Stream & Suitable place for Setting a Mill to be laid out and not drawn for to be hereafter disposed of as the Grantors please—That Nineteen of the said Shares be and hereby are Reserved



to the Grantors their Heirs & Assigns—That one of the said Shares be for the first Minister of the Gospel who shall be Regularly Settled on the said Tract of Land and Continue there during his life or untill he shall be Regularly Dismis't to hold to him his Heirs & Assigns— That one other of said Shares be for the use of the Ministry there forever and one other of said Shares for the use & Maintainance of a School after the said Tract of Land shall be Settled to be kept There forever. That one of the lots of the Share for the use of the Ministry be laid out in the most convenient place for Building a Meeting House without drawing for it and the Meeting House to be Built thereon & Round about the Meeting House or near to it (as will be best having Regard to the place and Quality of the Land) There shall be left ten acres of the said Lot as a Common Field for Training a Burying place and any other Publick use the Inhabitants there shall see Cause to apply it to—That Eighteen of said Shares be exempted & wholly Exonerated of and from all Charge Cost & expence in Making the Settlement and whatever Charges may arise for the Support of the Gospel or otherways by any ways & means whatsoever untill the same or some part of each Respective Share Shall be Improved by the owner thereof, That the owners of the other fifty nine Shares make a Settlement upon the said Tract of land in Manner following viz' That there be one Acre of land Cleared fit for Tillage or mowing on one of the lots belonging to each of said Shares within one Year from the time of Drawing the said lots that there be one acre more on each of said Lots so Clear'd & fitted within one year after that, and an house Built on the same Fit for a Family to Dwell in not less than Sixteen foot Square or equal to that Dimension That in one year after that one acre more on each of the said Lots be so Cleared and fitted and in one year after that there be a Family living in each of the said Houses that is a Family on a lot belonging to each of said Shares—That a Meeting House be built there fit for the Public Worship within one year after that. That there be Constant Preaching maintained there within six years from this time That each owner of the said fifty nine Shares do duly pay all such sum & Sums of money as shall be at any time Voted & Agreed by the Major part of the said owners to be raised on each share to such person or persons as they shall order to Carry on the said Settlement and shall do & perform his Respective part & duty towards making the same in manner aforesaid and in default of so doing his Right and Share who shall be delinquent therein shall be and hereby is Declared to be forfeited, to the other owners of said shares who shall have duly paid done and performed their Respective parts and Duty concerning the same in manner aforesaid and the said Owners in order to Carry on

& perfect the said Settlement may from time to time as Occasion shall require make Choice of a Clerk a Receiver of the monies to be raised as aforesaid and any other persons to any office duty & trust necessary for the purpose aforesaid and when any of the said Shares shall be so forfeited for Neglect & Omission as aforesaid the said owners to whom the same Shall be forfeited may proceed to Enter upon & Dispose of such forfeited Share as they or the Major part of them shall agree That all White pine Trees fit for his Majesty's use and Service for Masts are hereby Reserved & Granted to his Majesty his heirs & Successors forever— And in Case the owners of the said fifty nine Shares shall fail of making the said Settlement of the said Number of Families within the term Granted for that purpose & having the Houses Built & Land Cleared by that time as above mentioned then the said Tract of Land with whatever shall be done thereon short of the Compleating the said Settlement shall be forfeited to the Grantors their Heirs & Assigns and it shall and may be lawful for them or any person or persons in their Name by their order into & upon the whole or any Part thereof in the name of the whole to Re-Enter & take full Seizin thereof as tho' this Grant had never been made— That in Case the said Granted premises shall be Recovered from the Grantees or any part thereof by any ways or Means whatsoever the Grantees shall Recover nothing over against the Grantors for any Improvements or Labour by them or any of them done or that shall be done thereon but the Grantors hereby promise & Ingage upon being properly Notified to take upon themselves the Defence of any Action that shall be bro't for the Recovery of the said Premises & any part thereof (by any other Title than that under which they hold or from which theirs is derived) against the Grantees or any of them—

That in Case an Indian War shall happen before the Expiration of any of the said Terms Limited for doing any of the said matters and Things aforesaid the like term of time shall be allowed after that Impediment Shall be Removed—

Lastly the Grantees shall as Soon as may be done with Conveniency hold a Regular Meeting & pass a Vote in Writing that they Agree Assent & Consent to accept of this Grant to hold the Premises on the Terms herein Expressed & to Ratify & Confirm this Agreement & Ingagement on their parts & behalfs Accordingly & Transmit an attested Copy thereof to the Grantors—

[*Vote of Grantees of Henniker, 1752.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 44.*]

At a legal Meeting of the Grantees of N° 6 to hear how farr the Committee had proceeded in Laying out of the town that was Chosen for that End, and they Inform that they have Run the Lines of the town Round and Laid out the town into halfe Mile Ranges—

And they Desire that Application may be Made to the Lord Proprietors for Some Longer time to Lay out Said town By Reason of the Difficulty of the Season and place to be Laid out, And it is voted that John MacMurphy Esq<sup>r</sup> and Cap<sup>t</sup> Andrew Todd Shall Make Application to the Lords for Longer time which if they Deny they the Said Todd & MacMurphy is to Make Speedy Report to the Committee that they May proceed which is Lookt on will be much to the Damage of the Affair in Regard of Quallifying the Lots—

A trew Copy p<sup>r</sup>  
Londonderry Oct<sup>r</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1752

Rob<sup>t</sup> Cochran Clerk  
to the Community

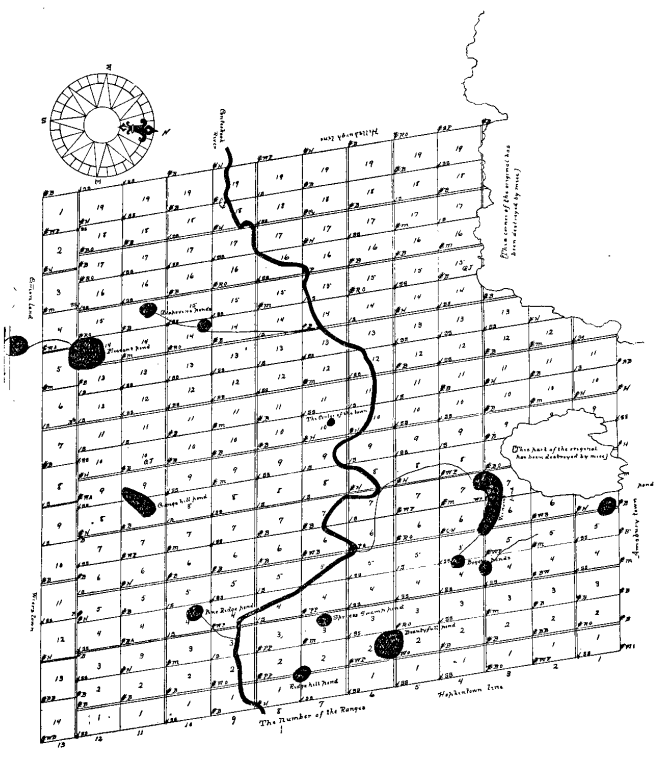
[*Draft of Lots in Henniker, 1753.*]

[*Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 241, and Masonian Papers, Vol 6, p. 45.*]

Province of } The Draft of the Lots in the Tract of Land granted  
New Hamps<sup>r</sup> } by the Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John  
Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in New Hampshire to John M<sup>c</sup>Murphy Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Andrew Todd Gent<sup>n</sup> Samuel Barr Gent: & others, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of  
July 1752, which Lots were drawn under the Direction of the said  
Proprietors, the Grantors, in Portsmouth on Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> day  
of July 1753—viz<sup>t</sup>

Names drawn	N° Range & Lot	N° Range & Lot	N° Range & Lot
Ministry	7 — 10.	1 — 4.	1 — 13
Saw-Mill Lot	4 — 8.	3 — 5.	12 — 7
Robert M <sup>c</sup> Curdy	9 — 13.	1 — 3.	2 — 4
William Ayers Jun <sup>r</sup>	8 — 8.	4 — 4.	4 — 5
James Todd	10 — 3.	4 — 16.	5 — 16
James Patterson	6 — 15.	5 — 15.	13 — 11
Thomas Wallingford Esq <sup>r</sup>	5 — 10.	11 — 18.	2 — 11
John Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup>	5 — 1.	8 — 14.	1 — 9
George Duncan	7 — 15.	9 — 19.	2 — 19
Thomas Gregg	6 — 11.	12 — 18.	1 — 16

[Plan of Henker, 1753.]



To the Honourable the Grants  
 Six Townships of Towns, purchased by the Proprietors of Lands purchased of John Telford Mason Esq. To a society belonging to London-  
 derry. Said Patents were granted in the year 1733. The Township of Henker is all four rods wide except the Sixth and Seventh range which is Six Rods wide—Which township was surveyed in the year [1753] Com-  
 mence for dividing said township into lots  
 A true plan Errors Excepted

[Turn] rods to an inch June 12th 1753

Math<sup>w</sup> Patten } Surveyors  
 Daniel Leslie }

John Stuart	10 — 7.	7 — 3.	8 — 16
first Ministers Lot	7 — 12.	3 — 10.	2 — 1
Samuel Allison jun <sup>r</sup>	9 — 7.	12 — 2.	11 — 12
John Scoby	11 — 15.	6 — 7.	4 — 18
James Willson	4 — 3.	9 — 16.	1 — 7
James Humphrey	6 — 4.	11 — 16.	13 — 10
Robert Weare	7 — 19.	13 — 1.	6 — 8
Robert Rogers	9 — 5.	8 — 18.	8 — 17
John M <sup>c</sup> Cullum	4 — 12.	9 — 18.	12 — 19
James Willson jun <sup>r</sup>	5 — 8.	10 — 19.	11 — 19
Law Lot N <sup>o</sup> 2	10 — 14.	6 — 17.	4 — 10
John Reside	5 — 6.	13 — 5.	11 — 5
School Lot	7 — 8.	3 — 4.	2 — 7
Alex <sup>r</sup> M <sup>c</sup> Cullum jun <sup>r</sup>	5 — 4.	11 — 15.	11 — 5
Nath <sup>l</sup> Aiken	7 — 7.	4 — 1.	13 — 12
William Rogers	6 — 12.	11 — 11.	1 — 15
John Rindge	10 — 11.	7 — 1.	2 — 12
Daniel Leslie	9 — 15.	1 — 14.	1 — 1
James Smith	8 — 1.	9 — 17.	2 — 10
Robert Willson	6 — 13.	11 — 2.	1 — 12
Jotham Odiome Esq <sup>r</sup> dec <sup>d</sup> his right	6 — 14.	12 — 9.	12 — 8
Alexander Willson	8 — 5.	7 — 17.	6 — 16
John Loggan	6 — 6.	12 — 13.	3 — 7
John Moffatt Esq <sup>r</sup>	7 — 6.	3 — 11.	1 — 18
Alexander M <sup>c</sup> Murphy	11 — 17.	6 — 9.	4 — 19
William Davidson	7 — 14.	13 — 2.	3 — 13
William Ayers	7 — 13.	4 — 9.	13 — 13
John Calwell	8 — 4.	10 — 17.	5 — 19
Thomas Boyes	9 — 3.	13 — 7.	10 — 4
Law Lot N <sup>o</sup> 1	7 — 5.	12 — 11.	1 — 19
Jn <sup>o</sup> Thomlinson &	6 — 3.	11 — 14.	1 — 8
Jn <sup>o</sup> Tufton Mason Esq <sup>rs</sup> }	9 — 2.	4 — 12.	13 — 9
Alexander M <sup>c</sup> Cullum	10 — 13.	8 — 3.	8 — 2
Sam <sup>l</sup> Solly & Clem <sup>t</sup> March Esq <sup>rs</sup>	9 — 8.	7 — 18.	11 — 4
John M <sup>c</sup> Murphy Esq <sup>r</sup>	6 — 5.	10 — 9.	2 — 15
Joshua Peirce Esq <sup>r</sup>	7 — 11.	2 — 5.	13 — 14
Robert Fairservice	2 — 3.	12 — 1.	8 — 10
Joseph Willson	5 — 2.	9 — 12.	2 — 13
Alexander Craige	5 — 12.	13 — 4.	1 — 17
Samuel Barr	11 — 10.	3 — 16.	4 — 15
George Jaffrey Esq <sup>r</sup>	10 — 10.	2 — 2.	5 — 17
William Peters	8 — 12.	4 — 11.	3 — 19
Thomas Packer Esq <sup>r</sup>			

## CHARTER RECORDS.

James Wallace	10 — 16.	5 — 5.	2 — 16
George Robertson	10 — 8.	11 — 8.	3 — 12
John Pinkerton	11 — 13.	12 — 16.	1 — 6
Richard Wibird Esq <sup>r</sup>	10 — 5.	3 — 17.	4 — 17
Matthew Pinkerton	10 — 13.	7 — 2.	3 — 8
John McMurphy Jun <sup>r</sup>	11 — 1.	4 — 14.	3 — 14
Theodore Atkinson Esq <sup>r</sup>	8 — 19.	9 — 6.	2 — 9
Hugh Willson	3 — 3.	9 — 9.	9 — 10
John Mack	5 — 13.	12 — 2.	12 — 3
Nath <sup>l</sup> Meserve Esq <sup>r</sup> & C <sup>o</sup>	6 — 10.	13 — 3.	1 — 2
Robert Cochran	5 — 3.	9 — 11.	2 — 18
James Ewens	8 — 7.	6 — 18.	12 — 4
John Loggan Jun <sup>r</sup>	8 — 9.	2 — 6.	1 — 5
Dan <sup>l</sup> Peirce Esq <sup>r</sup> & Mary } Moore dec <sup>de</sup> Rights }	9 — 14.	6 — 2.	3 — 9
Samuel Todd	10 — 2.	7 — 16.	3 — 18
William Holmes	8 — 13.	4 — 2.	1 — 10
Robert Wallace	7 — 4.	10 — 12.	11 — 12
John Duncan	9 — 4.	3 — 6.	1 — 11
Robert Livingston	7 — 9.	12 — 17.	6 — 1
William Mack	10 — 15.	9 — 1.	2 — 8
Andrew Todd	9 — 7.	4 — 7.	10 — 6
Isaac Brewster	11 — 9.	5 — 11.	2 — 14
James Willson South	12 — 14.	6 — 19.	4 — 6
Mark H <sup>s</sup> Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup>	8 — 15.	3 — 1.	3 — 2
John Clark	8 — 6.	13 — 6.	5 — 16
Joseph Bell	12 — 10.	13 — 8.	11 — 7
David Archibald	11 — 3.	5 — 14.	3 — 15
	10 — 1.	5 — 9.	2 — 17

attest Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cle<sup>r</sup>

a true [copy] of the Record of the Drafts of Lotts in the Town-  
ship granted to John McMurphy Esq<sup>r</sup> & c<sup>a</sup>

attest Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cl

[Request of Baracies Farnum, 1753.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 46.]

Honerad Gentelmen after Deue Respects the Comes to Returne  
you hartey thanks for Resirving me a right Amongst the Granties of  
no six and I would Pray a further Request that you would Except of  
my bulding of the Sawmill and tending of the Same In the Room of

the Rest of the setelment Injoined In the Cherter I shant troublly  
you aney further but Remains your hombel Servent

Baracies farnam

[*Robert Wallace to Proprietors.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 47.*]

Sir / agreeable to the orders of the Lordproprietors to me some years ago to Dispose of the Millright in the Town of Hanacker for the use of the Inhabitants of said Town agreeable to said orders I have Disposed of said right in order to help towards Building a meeting house and mills in said Town which was agreeable to the minds of the Proprietors of said Town Pleas sir, to make a Record in your Book That I have Disposed of said right agreeable to said orders and you will much oblige your hum<sup>ble</sup> ser<sup>t</sup>

Robert Wallace

Londonderry 12 august 1782  
George Geffery Esq<sup>r</sup>

### HILL.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, Sept. 14, 1753, to Chester men. Incorporated as *New Chester* Nov. 20, 1778. Bridgewater was set off and incorporated Feb. 12, 1788. Portions of Hill and Bridgewater were combined and incorporated as Bristol June 24, 1819. A portion of Alexandria was annexed Dec. 21, 1820. A tract was severed from *New Chester* and annexed to Wilmot Dec. 21, 1832. The name of the town was changed to Hill Jan. 14, 1837, in honor of Gov. Isaac Hill. A portion was severed and annexed to Danbury June 26, 1858. The town was annexed to Merrimack County from Grafton, July 1, 1868.

See XII, Hammond Town Papers, 195; Index to Laws, 239, 395; sketch, by F. R. Woodward, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 547; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 375; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 549.]

[*Charter of Hill, 1753.*]

[From Copy in Possession of R. W. Musgrove, Bristol.]

Province of } Pursuant to the Powers and authority Granted  
New Hampshire } and Vested in me the Subscriber by the Proprietors of lands Purchased of John Tuffton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in the Province of New Hampshire by their vote passed at their meeting held at Portsmouth in Said Province the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of August A D 1753—

I do by these presents on the terms and Limitations with the Reservations hereafter expressed give and grant all the Right Title Property possession Claim & Demand of the Proprietors aforesaid in the following proportions unto John Tolford four Shares John M<sup>c</sup> Murphy Esq<sup>r</sup> James M<sup>c</sup>Ferson Matthew Thornton Esq<sup>r</sup> Ten Shares Robert Fletcher James Moor John Aikin John Mann John Tolford jun<sup>r</sup> James Quenton Hugh Tolford Mark Karr William Graham Jacob Sergeant James Wadwell John Durham, Samuel Gault, Robert White, Josiah Willard three Shares, John Mills, James White Timothy Ingalls, Henry Herring, Samuel Moores, John Underhill, William Tolford Samuel Emerson Thomas Craige, John Gordon Robert Craige Orlando Colby Joseph Clark Archabald Dunlap three Shares Henry Hall, Thomas Wills, John Hazeltine Ebenezer Dearborn James Shirla Thomas Shirla James Shirla Jun<sup>r</sup> John Kelsey Richard Pearl Alexander M<sup>c</sup>clure Joshua Tolford Stephen Ferrington one Share to each person not particularly mentioned above their proportion also to Jeremiah Colburn three Rights Samuel Searle three Rights Timothy Favour one Right Robert M<sup>c</sup>Murphy on Right, Nathanael Ingalls one Right which Tract or Township shall be called New Chester of in and to all that Tract of Land Lying in the Province aforesaid bounded North Westerly by the line lately Ran & Marked for the western Bounds of Masons Patent Easterly by Pemigewasset River Southerly by a Tract of Land Called Emerys Town and Southwesterly by a Tract of Land Called Alexandria Bounded Beginning at the Northerly corner of Alexandria aforesaid in the patent line aforesaid and running from thence by Said Alexandria South easterly five miles and a quarter more or less to the most Easterly corner of Said Alexandria to a Hemlock Tree Marked, From thence the line Turns by Said Alexandria South Fifty three Degrees West eight Miles and a Quarter more or less to a Beach Tree marked from thence South Easterly by the line of Heiddleburg So called one mile to an Elm Tree to the Corner of said Heiddelburg and from thence South till it intersects the western line of Emerys Town about half a Mile from thence North Seventy three Degrees East by said Emerys line to Pemigewasset River and from thence Northerly Bounding by Pemigewasset River including all the islands against Said Tract till it Comes to where the patent Line aforesaid Crosses said River & From thence Ranning South westerly by the patent Line aforesaid to the Bound first mentioned which Tract Contains by estimation exclusive of Ponds Thirty Thousand acres.

To them their Heirs and Assigns To have and to hold on the following Terms and Conditions with the Reservations here in after Expressed (viz).



That the Tract of Land or Township aforesaid be Divided into Ninety three Equal Shares Two Lots at the Least to Each Share and to be Finished and Drawn for in Some public and Equitable manner at or before the last Day of November 1754 That Three of the aforesaid Shares be granted Free of Charge one for the first Settled Minister one for the Ministrey and one for the schools there for ever one Lot in each of the Said Shares to be first Laid out and Lots couppled to them so as not to be Drawn for and Two Lots Containing one hundred acres Each for the incouragement of Building Mills to be Disposed of by the Grantees for that use That Twenty more of the Said Shares be reserved to and for the Grantors their Heirs and Assigns Forever and acquitted from all Duty and Charge untill improved by the owners or Some holding under Respectively.

That the owners of Forty of the other shares (viz) John Tolford three Shares James M<sup>c</sup>Farson one Matthew Thornton Esq one James Moore one John Mann one Hugh Tolford one Mark Karr one William Graham one Jacob Sargent one John Durham one Samuel Gault one Robert White one Josiah Willard one John Mills one James White one Nathaniel Ingalls one Henry Herring one Samuel Moores one Samuel Emerson one Thomas Wells one Thomas Craige one John Gordon one Robert Craige one Orlando Colby one Joseph Clark one Archabald Dunlap three Henry Hall one John Hazelton one, Ebenezer Dearborn one James Shirla one James Shirla Jun<sup>r</sup> one John Kelsey one Richard Pearl one Alexander McClure one Stephen Farrington one John Aikin one—Make Sittlement in the following manner (viz) each at the expiration of three years and Eight months from the Date hereof on each of the aforesaid forty shares have three acres parcel of his Right Respectively Cleared Inclosed and fitted for mowing and Tillage and a house built of a Room Sixteen feet Square at the least fitted for Comfortable Dwelling in and some person inhabiting in each house Respectively and Continue Resident and inhabitant there for seven years next coming by themselves or Some other person and annually for each of the Said Seven years Clear Inclose and fit as aforesaid one acre more—

That Twenty more of the Grantees (viz) John Tolford one John M<sup>c</sup>Murphy Esq one Matthew Thornton Esq five Robert Fletcher one John Tolford J<sup>r</sup> one James Quenton one James Waddell one Josiah Willard Two Timothy Ingalls one John Underhill one William Tolford one Thomas Wells one James Shirla one Joshua Tolford one Robert M<sup>c</sup>Murphy one—Make Settlement in Manner as aforesaid in every Respect Saving only that they be allowed one year longer time for Doing and performing the Several and Respective parts of Duty of Sittlement and no longer

That a Convenient Meeting house for the Publick worship of God be built on S<sup>d</sup> Tract where the Grantees shall think most Convenient within Ten years from this Date and Ten Acres of Land Reserved there for Publick use

That the Lands in Said Township or Tract belonging to grantors and grantees be subject to have all necessary highways Laid through them without any allowance or pay for damage That there be a further reservation to and for the grantors out of Said Tract of Five hundred acres to be Laid out at the Charge of the Grantees before the general Division of Said Tract under the Direction of me the subscriber or such other person as the Grantors as aforesaid Shall appoint so as not to Lye in the place where the Meeting House Shall nor prejudice the Town plat near the Same free from Duty and all Charges That the aforesaid Grantees their Heirs or Assigns by a Major vote in Publick Meeting Call<sup>d</sup> for that purpose grant and assess in Equal proportion such sum or sums of Money as they shall think necessary from time to time for Carrying forward and Compleating the sittlement aforesaid and every of the grantees exclusive of the three Publick Lots who shall neglect for the Space of Sixty Days next after such Assessment shall be granted and made to pay the Same So Much of Such Delinquent Right or Rights Respectively shall and may be sold as will pay such Tax & Taxes and all Charges arising thereon by a Committee to be appointed by the grantee for that purpose—and in case any of the Grantees Shall neglect or refuse to perform any of the articles aforesaid by him respectively to be Done he Shall Forfeit his share and Right in said Township and every part thereof to those of the grantees or their assigns who Shall have Complied with the conditions on their part herein expressed and it shall and may be lawful for them or any person by their authority to enter into and upon the rights Shares or part of Such Delinquent owner in the name and behalf of the whole of the grantees or their assigns shall have complied as aforesaid on their respective parts to a move oust & expell for the use of them their heirs & assigns provided they settle or cause to be Settled each Such Delinquents Right within the Term of one year at the Furthest from the period that is by this Instrument stipulated to be done as the Condition of this Grant and fully Discharge & Comply with the whole Duty Such Delinquent ought to have done within one year from Time to time after the Respective period thereof.

And in case the grantees or their assigns fulfill their part as aforesaid Shall neglect fulfilling as aforesaid the Duty of any Delinquent owner that then such share or shares Right or Rights So Delinquent shall Revert and Belong to the Grantors their heirs and assigns Free from Duty & Charges & be wholly at their Disposall

Further that the Grantees or their assigns within Thirty Days after the Said Tract shall be Lotted out & Drawn for shall Return a Plan of the Lots Numbered and Schedule of Such allotment & Draught Certified by their Clerk on oath into the Grantors Clerks office

Further that all white pine Trees fit for Masting his Majestys Navy growing on Said Tract be & hereby are Granted to his Majesty his heirs and Successors forever, always provided there Shall be no indian war within any of the times limited as aforesaid for Doing the Duty Conditioned in this Grant and in case that should happen the Same time to be allowed after Such impediment shall be removed for doing the respective Duty aforesaid—To all which Premises I Joseph Blanchard agent for and in behalf of the grantors have hereunto set my hand and Seal this fourteenth Day of September in the Twenty Seventh year of his Majesties Reign A D 1753

Signed Sealed & }  
 Deli<sup>d</sup> in pres- }  
 ence of }  
 James Minot Jun<sup>r</sup>  
 Sarah Blanchard

Joseph Blanchard (L. S.)

A true Copy Recorded June 2<sup>d</sup> 1806  
 Attest, Errors Excepted

Carr Huse Proprietors Clerk

[Draft of Lots.]

[From Copy in Possession of R. W. Musgrove, Bristol.]

A schedule of the names of the Proprietors of New Chester with the number of each proprietors lots as they were drawn

Proprietors' Names	1 <sup>st</sup> Division	2 <sup>d</sup> Division	3 <sup>d</sup> Division	4 <sup>th</sup> Division
Matthew Thornton Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . . N <sup>o</sup>	22	71	90	51
Archabald Dunlap . . . . .	55	34	6	93
John Tolford Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	38	22	66	24
Matthew Thornton Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	40	7	42	8
Joseph Clark . . . . .	35	8	10	11
Ensign William Talford . . . . .	9	20	5	3
John Tolford Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	57	57	7	69
John McMurphy Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	74	61	52	37
John Gordon . . . . .	24	32	2	18
Matthew Thornton Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	10	13	88	6
John Tolford Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	48	53	45	39
Robert McMurphy . . . . .	94	55	70	65
Matthew Thornton Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	59	92	39	70
Ens <sup>n</sup> Henry Hall . . . . .	20	67	16	31
Thomas Shirley . . . . .	1	37	23	14
John Tolford j <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	45	40	80	91
John Durham . . . . .	91	84	92	57
Lieu <sup>t</sup> Robert Fletcher . . . . .	31	41	27	19
Hugh Tolford . . . . .	7	18	3	12
Ens <sup>n</sup> James Quinton . . . . .	78	59	53	42
Col <sup>l</sup> Josiah Willard . . . . .	46	30	84	90
Matthew Thornton Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	6	1	87	4
Stephen Ferrington . . . . .	23	74	76	28
Robert Craige . . . . .	76	56	73	22
Jeremiah Colburn . . . . .	49	25	20	82
John Tolford Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	3	16	28	29
James Shirley Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	89	79	32	64
Matthew Livermore Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	60	93	38	75
Matthew Thornton Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	86	87	55	66
Mark H <sup>s</sup> Wintworth . . . . .	52	27	46	84
John Mills . . . . .	56	39	50	80
Samuel Moores Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	8	19	67	13
Timothy Ingalls . . . . .	75	64	54	89
James White . . . . .	62	90	40	85
Cap <sup>t</sup> John Underhill . . . . .	41	69	83	34
Cap <sup>t</sup> Thomas Wells . . . . .	90	83	33	60
Joshua Tolford . . . . .	66	52	68	74
Nathanael Ingalls . . . . .	15	12	25	55

Proprietors' Names.	1 <sup>st</sup> Division	2 <sup>d</sup> Division	3 <sup>d</sup> Division	4 <sup>th</sup> Division
Samuel Searls . . . . .	47	23	43	92
Cap <sup>t</sup> James Shirley . . . . .	88	77	31	56
John Kelsey . . . . .	85	88	11	81
Jotham Odiorn Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	83	33	69	49
Co <sup>l</sup> Theodore Atkinson . . . . .	30	46	63	21
Lieu <sup>t</sup> Thomas Craige . . . . .	27	2	21	25
Co <sup>l</sup> Joseph Blanchard . . . . .	42	3	85	35
Lieu <sup>t</sup> Ebenezer Dearborn . . . . .	81	80	60	59
James McFarson . . . . .	32	14	29	48
Jeremiah Colburn . . . . .	28	42	61	27
Samuel Gault . . . . .	82	81	35	47
Samuel Searls . . . . .	5	44	82	5
John Man . . . . .	92	85	44	15
Peirce & Moore . . . . .	34	38	93	40
Robert White . . . . .	53	29	49	88
Cap <sup>t</sup> John Moffatt . . . . .	80	86	59	61
Jeremiah Colburn . . . . .	69	62	13	76
Matthew Thornton Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	63	60	51	79
Thomas Wallingsford Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	68	63	56	78
Matthew Thornton Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	58	82	41	87
George Jaffrey Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	16	6	89	54
John Aikin . . . . .	18	50	17	32
W <sup>m</sup> Parker Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	54	34	49	68
Joshua Peirce Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	43	28	81	36
John Ringe . . . . .	64	73	58	63
Jacob Sargent . . . . .	77	66	48	62
Matthew Thornton Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	23	9	62	26
	67	89	14	77
Coll <sup>l</sup> Messhove & others . . . . .	36	5	64	10
James Wadwell . . . . .	93	36 & 68		58
Thomlinson & Mason . . . . .	44	24	75	44
Orlando Colby . . . . .	51	26	74	86
Henry Herring . . . . .	73	15	8	67
Samuel Searls . . . . .	37	21	65	7
Col <sup>l</sup> Josiah Willard . . . . .	19	51	36	43
W <sup>m</sup> Graham . . . . .	14	11	24	17
Alexander McCluer . . . . .	70	58	72	50
Solly & March . . . . .	21	70	26	30
John Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	65	54	57	72
Timothy Favour . . . . .	4	43	22	2
Matthew Thornton Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	39	4	19	9
John Haseltine . . . . .	12	47	78	1
Col <sup>l</sup> Thomas Packer . . . . .	2	17	4	16

Proprietors' Names	1 <sup>st</sup> Division	2 <sup>d</sup> Division	3 <sup>d</sup> Division	4 <sup>th</sup> Division
Archabald Dunlap . . . . .	33	31	15	46
Richard Wibird Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	13	10	91	20
Col <sup>l</sup> Josiah Willard . . . . .	87	76	30	41
Richard Pearl . . . . .	84	91	34	38
James Moores . . . . .	79	65	9	52
Archabald Dunlap . . . . .	17	49	86	53
Mark Karr . . . . .	11	48	18	33
Samuel Emerson Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	50	53	73	83

Portsmouth September 8 1806  
 Copy Examined / Jeremiah Libbey Prop<sup>r</sup> Clerk  
 In the Masonian proprietors Five hundred acre lots Drawn Dec<sup>r</sup>  
 24<sup>th</sup> 1781 as follows

Tomlinson & Mason	No 1
Meserve & Co	" 2
Theodore Atkinson	" 3
Thomas Packer	" 4
John Moffatt	" 5

New Chester Oct 3<sup>d</sup> 1806  
 Copy Examined

Carr Huse Prop<sup>r</sup> Clerk

[Reserved Lots.]

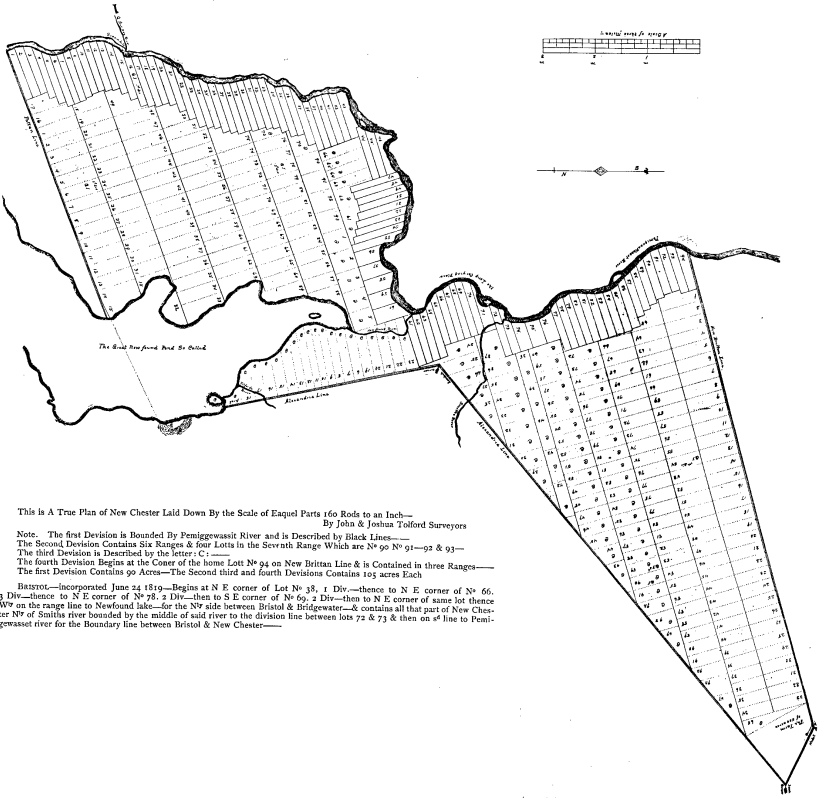
[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Vol. 4, p. 73.]

Division of Lots in New-Chester and three Lots in Kyah Sarge to  
 make fifteen Lots; one to each Right

The Draft of the Lots to the 15 Purchasers Rights, viz<sup>t</sup>

- To Richard Wibird Esq<sup>r</sup> Lot N<sup>o</sup> 55 3<sup>d</sup> division in New Chester
- To John Moffatt Esq<sup>r</sup>—5 in the 500 Acre Lot in New Chester
- To George Jaffrey Esq<sup>r</sup>—78 2<sup>d</sup> div: in New Chester
- To Mark H<sup>s</sup> Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup>—8 in Kyah Sarge
- To Jotham Odiorne Esq<sup>r</sup>—66 4<sup>th</sup> div: in New-Chester
- To Thomas Packer Esq<sup>r</sup>—4 the in the 500 Acre Lot in New Chester
- To Thomlinson & Mason—1 in the 500 Acre Lot in New Chester
- To Solly and March—72 1<sup>st</sup> div: in New Chester
- To Joshua Peirce Esq<sup>r</sup>—29 1<sup>st</sup> div. in New Chester

[Plan of Hill and Bristol.]



This is A True Plan of New Chester Laid Down by the Scale of Equal Parts 160 Rods to an Inch—  
By John & Joshua Tolford Surveyors  
Note. The first Division is Bounded by Frimigwasset River and is Described by Black Lines—  
The Second Division Contains Six Ranges & four Lots in the Seventh Range Which are N<sup>o</sup> 90 N<sup>o</sup> 91—92 & 93—  
The third Division is Described by the letter: C: —  
The fourth Division Begins at the Corner of the house Lot N<sup>o</sup> 24 on New Brittan Line & is Contained in three Ranges—  
The first Division Contains 90 Acres—The Second third and fourth Divisions Contains 103 acres Each

BRISTOL—Incorporated June 24 1819—Begins at N E corner of Lot N<sup>o</sup> 38, 1 Div.—thence to N E corner of N<sup>o</sup> 66, 1 Div.—thence to N E corner of N<sup>o</sup> 78, 2 Div.—then to S E corner of N<sup>o</sup> 69, 2 Div.—then to N E corner of same lot thence W<sup>y</sup> on the range line to Newfound lake—for the N<sup>y</sup> side between Bristol & Bridgewater—and contains all that part of New Chester N<sup>o</sup> of Smiths river bounded by the middle of said river to the division line between lots 72 & 73 & then on s<sup>t</sup> line to Frimigwasset river for the Boundary line between Bristol & New Chester—

To Peirce and Moore—9, 2<sup>d</sup> div. in New Chester  
 To John Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> 10 in Kyah Sarge  
 To Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> 3 in the 500 Acre Lot in New Chester  
 To Thomas Walingford Esq<sup>r</sup>—12 in Kyah Sarge  
 To John Rindge—62 3<sup>d</sup> div. in New Chester  
 To Meserve and Comp<sup>a</sup>—2 in the 500 Acre Lot in New Chester

[*Petition of Joshua Tolford, 1766.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 48.*]

To the Proprietors of y<sup>e</sup> Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu<sup>r</sup>, in the Province of New Hampshire—

The Petition of Joshua Tolford of Chester one of the Grantees of the Tract of Land granted by y<sup>e</sup> Said Proprietors called New Chester—Sheweth

That in the first Division of Said New Chester there is a Lot numbered Seventy one—allotted to any of y<sup>e</sup> Grantees who would engage to build a Saw Mill and Grist Mill in Said New Chester—but no Person will undertake to build Said Mills for y<sup>e</sup> Consideration of Said Lot Numbered Seventy one—and for Want of the Conveniency of a Saw-mill the Settlement of said new Chester is much retarded and even prevented—your Petitioner being very desirous of forwarding y<sup>e</sup> Settlement of New Chester, would immediately engage in building Said Mills there if you would grant to him Lot numbered Seventy two, which is reserved to you y<sup>e</sup> Said Proprietors or if you would not grant to your Petitioner Said Lot numbered Seventy two in the first Division that you would make an Exchange with him, Said Lot numbered Seventy two for his lot drawn to him numbered Sixty Six, in Said first division the reason for his Request of y<sup>e</sup> Grant of y<sup>e</sup> Lot Seventy two—or to make y<sup>e</sup> Exchange of it for y<sup>e</sup> Said Lot Sixty Six, is this, that one Lot is not Sufficient to make a good Settlement by it Self, but with y<sup>e</sup> addition of another Lot joining to it will be a good encouragement to Settle and improve—Wherefore your Petitioner pray's, for himself and y<sup>e</sup> other Grantees of Said New Chester, that you would make him y<sup>e</sup> Grant of Said Lot Numbered Seventy two, or Exchange it with him for his Said Lot Numbered Sixty Six in the first Division of Said New Chester—and you will oblige your Petitioner and the Said Grantees— Chester March the 12<sup>th</sup> 1766—

Joshua Tolford

Whereas Joshua Tolford Esq<sup>r</sup> hath petitioned the Proprietors to grant to him, or Exchange with him the Lot Numbered Seventy two in y<sup>e</sup> first Division of Lots in y<sup>e</sup> Tract of Land granted to John Tol-



ford Esqu<sup>r</sup> & others, for his Lot in Said granted Tract of land Numbered Sixty Six in Said first division of Lots, in order to y<sup>e</sup> making a Settlement with y<sup>e</sup> Mill Lot assigned to Such person as would undertake to erect Mills for y<sup>e</sup> Use & Benefit of y<sup>e</sup> Grantees & Settlers of Said Tract Therefore Voted That upon Condition that the Said Joshua make a good & Sufficient deed of Conveyance of Said Lot numbered Sixty Six in y<sup>e</sup> first division of Lots of Said Tract of Land, to y<sup>e</sup> Said Proprietors, and shall erect good Mills on y<sup>e</sup> mill Privilege reserved in Said Tract of Land—that the Said Prop<sup>rs</sup> hereby grant all their Right Title & Property of in & to the Said Lot Numbered seventy two in the Said first Division of Lots in Said Tract of Land to the Said Joshua Tolford his heirs & assigns

[*Exchange of Lots in Hill, 1766.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 48.]

Know all Men By these Presents That I, Joshua Tolford of Chester in the Province of New Hampshire Esq<sup>r</sup> for and in Consideration of a Lot of Land Numberd Seventy two in the first Divisions of Lot in a Place calld New Chester granted by the Proprietors Claiming under John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> and In Consideration of five Shillings to me in hand paid by Theodore Atkinson of Portsmouth in Said Province Esq<sup>r</sup> for & in behalf of Said Proprietors the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged Have given granted bargain'd & Sold and by these Presents Do give grant bargain Sell Convey and Confirm unto him the Said Theodore Atkinson his Heirs & Assigns for the use herein after Declared all my right Title Interest Claim Challenge and Demand of in and unto all that Lot of Land in said Division Numberd Sixty Six which fell to me in the Draft made of the Lots there To have and to hold the Said granted Premises the said Right title & Demand to the Said Lot of Land Numberd Sixty Six with all the Privileges & Appurtenances thereof to him the said Theodore Atkinson his Heirs & Assigns to & for the use of Said Proprietors and their Successors forever In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of April Anno Dom. 1766—

Joshua Tolford

Signed Sealed & Delivered

In presence of us—

Hugh Tolford

John Tolford Jun<sup>r</sup>

Province of New Hampshire Chester Aprile 28<sup>th</sup> 1766 then the above Named Joshua Tolford Acknowledged this Instrument to be his free act and Deed—

Before Sam<sup>l</sup> Emerson Jus<sup>t</sup> Peace

[*Improvements in Hill, 1771.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 49.*]

by Virtue of a Power Granted to me by the Proprietors of Lands Commonly Called Masons Patent Lying in the Province of New hampshire and Agreeable to my Instructions I Did in the Name of the Said Proprietors and for them on the twentyeth Day of July A D 1771 Enter and Take Possession of the forfeited Lands Lying in a Place Called New chester & on the 22 Day I Entered the Place Called Alexandria & on the 23 Day the Place Called New Britton and on the 24th the Place Called Perryes Town and on the 25th the Place Called Herreford & did Openly Declare my Entering and Taking Possion of the forfeited Lands in Each and Every of those Places to be by Virtue of a Power Given to me by the Said Proprietors & also Openly Declared that I then in the Name and for the Use of the Said Proprietors Held in Possession All and Every of the forfeited Lands Lots Tracts & Distinctly & Separated to their Use & Did Openly & Strictly forbid any Person Entering any of those forfeited Lots or Tracts of Land or Doing any Trespass thereon Declareing that I then Reinstated the s<sup>d</sup> Proprietors in the full Possion of all the forfeited Lands in Each Place aforementioned Particularly

## CHARTER RECORDS.

	House	Family	years	months	Acres Improved	How Long		Acres Cut	How Long	No of Lot	Division	under whom or whom Drown by
						year	month					
1	2	1	4	—	35	1	—	30	1	77 and 78	1	James Quantin & win- trup Sargant 2 wrights
2	1	1	1	4	17	—	—	—	—	79 and 82	1	—
3	1	1	1	6	6	1	—	—	—	88 and 89	1	—
4	1	1	1	4	8	—	—	—	—	90	1	—
5	1	1	—	3	5	—	—	—	—	91	1	Cap <sup>s</sup> wells for 1 wright &
6	1	1	3	—	16	—	—	2	1	73	1	Mathew Foresaith
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	74	1	Major Tolford & En- sign Tolford
7	1	1	2	Cheify	10	—	—	6	1	72	1	a Mill Lot & Lot No—
8	1	1	3	—	8	—	—	8	—	63 & 51	1	Esqr Thornton &
9	1	1	2	—	13	—	—	—	—	62	1	James White
10	1	1	1	—	7	—	—	—	—	59	—	Esqr Thornton
11	1	1	1	6	6	—	—	—	—	58	1	Esqr Thornton
12	1	1	1	6	3	—	—	4	1	56	1	John Mills—Claimed by John Tolford
13	1	1	2	—	12	—	—	—	—	50	1	Esqr Emmerson of Chester
14	1	1	2	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	1	Capt Under Hill Cut 2 acres Under Esq Thornton
15	1	1	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	14	1	—
16	1	1	1	6	2	—	—	—	—	11	1	—
17	1	1	2	—	5	—	—	—	—	10	1	—
18	1	1	2	—	7	—	—	—	—	9	1	—
19	1	1	3	—	15	—	—	—	—	5 No 6 & No 7	1	Esqr Thornton

20	John Mitchel	1	1	4	15	Partly improved himself at	1	1	Charles Johnson
21	John Tolford	1	1	12 months	10	times for 5 years	45	1	his own
	No Residents								
	John Tolford				2		44	1	
	John Tolford				8		46	1	
	John Tolford				3			1	mc Farsons
	David Emmerson			Done	1	3 or 4		1	Robert Mc murphey
	Ellec Mc clure	1			0.3	4	76	1	
	Ellec Mc clure				1	1	75	1	
	Major Tolford				1	8	61	1	also built 2 mills on the Proprietors Cost
	Jonathan Ingalls					4		1	Major Tolford
	Lt Joseph Basford					4 or 5	57	1	
	Robert Runnels					2 or 3	55	1	
	Nathan Cast				14	this Spring		1	
	Chase Fuller				4	2	81	1	Esqr Thornton
		1 house laid out	Some but we can not	Say & Now		5		1	
		Certainly tell							

[*Report of Committee in Regard to Hill, 1771.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 50.*]

In Pursuance of a Vote passed the 30<sup>th</sup> of July last We have examined into the State and confereed with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Tolford and M<sup>r</sup> Murphy Proprietors of the Town of New Chester concerning the Forfeiture of the said Town and now return the following Report of our doings therein.

It appears to us the Township of New Chester is forfeited for Non compliance with the Conditions of the Grant and is reseized by the Attorney of the Proprietors and We are of Opinion that the same be appropriated to the Use and Benefit of the Proprietors, reserving to certain Persons inhabiting and improving in the Said Town as follows.

That, it appearing to us upon the said Conference there are 22 Houses with Families resident upon parts of certain Rights in the said Town we are of Opinion that alth<sup>o</sup> they may have not complied entirely with the Terms of the Charter yet that each whole Right on part of which the said Houses are built and Improvements made should be reserved for and confirmed to the proprietors of such Rights.

That, it appearing to us upon the said Conference there are 11 Persons who have begun making Improvements upon certain Lots but have no Houses and are not resident in the said Town, we are of Opinion that the said Eleven Persons should remain possessed of the Lots on which such Beginnings have been made respectively provided that such Persons continue to make progressive Improvements and have a dwelling House built and a Family resident thereon within the space of twelve months.

Portsm<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> August 1771

J Fisher }  
D Rogers } Committee

[*Summons to Samuel Atkinson and Cutting Favor, 1772.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 51.*]

PROVINCE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE Rockingham ss	TO Samuel Atkinson of Boscawen & Cutting   Favor of a place called New Chester both in   s <sup>d</sup> County
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YOU are hereby Required in his Majesty's Name to make your Appearance before the Justices of his Majesty's Inferiour Court of Common Pleas to be held at *Portsmouth* in the Province of *New-Hampshire*, on the first Tuesday in February Ins<sup>t</sup> to give Evidence of

what you know relating to an Action of Trespass There to be heard and tried betwixt Proprietors of Mason's Claims Pla<sup>as</sup> and John Atwood Def<sup>t</sup>

Hereof fail not, as you will answer your Default, and the Pains and Penalties in the Law in that behalf made and provided. Dated at Portsmouth, Feb<sup>r</sup> the third Day, in the Twelfth Year of his Majesty's Reign, Annoque Domini, 1772

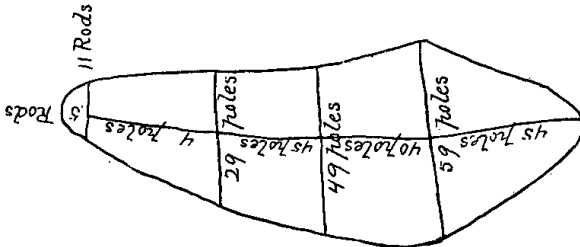
Is. Rindge Cl  
 travil 130 miles attendance five Day  
 Sam<sup>l</sup> Atkinson  
 travil 160 miles y<sup>e</sup> 14 of february 1772 attendance till friDay  
 Cutting favour

[*Petition of Cutting Favor.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 51.]

To The Honorable Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> and the Hon<sup>able</sup> the Propriators of the Lands Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> Called Masons Pattent—The Petetion of Cutting Favour who Sheweth that He was the Second famely that Moved in to the New plantation within your Pattent Called Newchaster that he Has Made Large Improvements in Said Place & that Part of his Improvements adjoyn Pemechawosset River on Lot 77 & 78 in the first Division that in Said River their is a Small Island Containing about 18 Acres which Lyes 170 Rods in Length against his Improvements & that if he was the owner of Said Island he Could Inclose his Improvements with Much Less Cost your Petitioner there fore Prays that your Honours would be pleased to Sell the Same Island to him for So much Money as may be Agreed on and your Petitioner as in Duty Bound Shall ways Pray

Cutting favour



[*Lot Sold for Taxes and Redeemed, 1779.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 52.]

Know all Men By these Presents that I Jonathan Ingals of New Chester in the County of Grafton in the State of Newhampshire Collector of Taxes of and for the Town of New Chester in Said State and County for the year 1778 By Vertue of Sundry Acts or Laws of Said State Relative to Levying and Collecting Taxes of Nonresident Proprietors of Lands in Several Towns and Parrishes in Said State, For and in Consideration of the Sum of five Pound three Shillings and two Pence L My) to Me in hand paid Before the Delivery hereof By Simeon Cross of New Chester Joyner the Receipt where of I do Acknowledge have Given Granted and Sold and By these Presents Do Give Grant Sell and Convey unto him the said Simeon Cross his Heirs and Assigns for Ever a Certain Parcel or Tract of Land Situate and Being in New Chester thirty two acres of the Lot N<sup>o</sup> 29 in the first Division Laid out and Drawn to a Blank Right he the said Simeon Cross Being the highest Bidder for the Same at a Publick Vendue Duly Notified and held this Day at the Dwelling House of Capt<sup>a</sup> Cuttin Feavors By Jonathan Ingals Appointed for the Sale of Such Lands in Said New Chester affore Said as Belonging to Such Nonresident Proprietors or owners as are Delinquent in Paying the Said Taxes Assessed thereon. To have and to Hold the Said Granted Premises with the Appurtenances thereof to him the Said Simeon Cross his Heirs and Assigns in fee Simple Forever and I the Said Jonathan Ingals, Collector as Affore Said Do in My Said Capacity Do Covenant and agree to and with the Said Simeon Cross his Heirs and Assigns to warrent and Defend the Said Premises to him the Said Simeon Cross his Heirs and Assigns against the Lawful Claims and Demands of any Person or Persons whomsoever in witness where of I Do here by Set My Hand and Seal the Eighth Day of April Anno Domini 1779

Jonathan Ingals

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered

in Presence

Carr Huse

Joshua Tolford

June ye 12 1779 Read the Contents of the with In being two Pound four & two pence in full for the Tax and Charges of the within Lot

pr me Jonathan Ingals

[Endorsed]

Deed of Land in New Chester redeemed by Sam<sup>l</sup> Atkinson after being sold at Vendue & Receipts—

[*Report on Lots in Hill, 1822.*]

Extract from Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 52.]

## Land in New Chester

one fourth part of lot Numbered 46 third division deeded to A. G. Stevens by William Flanders October 27<sup>th</sup> 1801—also another fourth part of Said lot deeded to Said A. G. Stevens by W<sup>m</sup> Challes Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1803—the other half deeded to Jon<sup>a</sup> Dickerson by Joshua Rowell April 14. 1800. and Supposed to have been deeded to Joshua Rowell about the last of 1779—or first of 1800, by John Peirce of Portsmouth—

Lot No. 81—third division—New Chester occupied by Samuel Avory. Middling lot mixture of growth fifteen or twenty acres begun & part under improvement Cut two or three tons of hay—no road, Val. 300 dol.

Lot Numbered 52 1<sup>st</sup> division New Chester Bridgwater which Conveyed to Daniel Smith Esq. of New Hampton by John Fisher Esq by his attorney John Peirce August 16<sup>th</sup> 1805—

Lot No 27—2<sup>nd</sup> division lies in Bridgwater sold to Jabel Shepherd Thompson Nov. 26. 1811 by John Peirce and acknowledged same day—Quit claim Occupied by David Thompson—Some improvements a Broken lot and lies two miles from the Mayhew turnpike road over a bad hill. Decent buildings worth about 450 dollars—

90 4<sup>th</sup> division New Chester over one half flowed by a mill pond; timber dead, being a Boggy piece of land with Considerable of white pine timber but mostly dead and Cut. South end middling good; no road value 175 dollars—

asked Flanders \$250 for this N<sup>o</sup> 90. 4 N. Chester sold B. P. Fifield 6 Dec 1822 for \$200

26 4<sup>th</sup> division Claimed by Benjamin Shaw of New Chester by the virtue of vendue deeds—lies North side of a mountain North end middling good South end barren waste, no road—

## Lands in New Chester

Lot No. 27 4<sup>th</sup> division lies North Side mountain North end about midling good, South end barren mountain, no Road, growth of this lot and 26 is a mixture of hard wood, and black tops—

Lot No 28 4<sup>th</sup> division Same as 26 & 27 as to Situation growth & road—50 acres of it claimed by Cap<sup>t</sup> John Searl of New Chester under an old vendue title—

Lot No. 36 4<sup>th</sup> division lies on the North side of the mountain, Broken, no road, a mixture of growth



## HILLSBOROUGH.

[This town was *Number 7* in the line of towns from Merrimack to Connecticut River, granted by Massachusetts, Jan. 16, 1735-6. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, Jan. 26, 1748-9, to John Hill and others, and named in honor of Col. John Hill. Incorporated Nov. 14, 1772.

See Massachusetts charters preceding; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 379; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 203; Index to Laws, 241; Annals, from first settlement to 1841, by Charles James Smith, 1841, pp. 72; sketch, by Frank H. Pierce, 1, Granite Monthly, 369; sketch, by Harry Brickett, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1886, p. 391; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 17; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 180, 182, 184; Life of Franklin Pierce, by Nathaniel Hawthorne, 1852; Biographical Notices of Physicians, by B. H. Phillips, 1, N. H. Repository, 215; The Birthplace of a President, by F. M. Colby, 4, Granite Monthly, 69.]

[*Petition of David Baldwin, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 58.]

Pelham Decem<sup>r</sup> 9, 1748

To the Honourable Lord Proprietors In the Government of New hamsher I Would In Form Your Honours That upon the Third Day of this Instant I Set out From Sudbury to Cum to Portsmouth to Treet With Your Honours Concerning a Certain Tract of Land that Was Granted to Jonathan Butterfeild of Chelmsford of Three Hundred acres Joyning to the South Side of Hilsbro and Likewise one Hundred acres of Land Joyning to the Three hundred acres that Is Within y<sup>e</sup> Bounds of hilsbro. Which Fore Hundred acres the Purchasing and Setteling a Famely on It, has Cost me moore then a Thousand Pounds old Tenor. I Pray that your Honours Would Consider my Case and order it so that Henry Baldwin Esq<sup>r</sup> might settel the affare With Your Honours Concerning the above Sd Land By Reason of my Being Not able to Travel

In So Doing You Will Very much Oblidge Your Humble Ser<sup>vt</sup>

David Baldwin

Jan<sup>r</sup> 26:1748 Considered in a Meeting that y<sup>e</sup> Petition within mention'd be not forgotten

[*Petition of Col. John Hill, 1748-9.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 54.]

Portsmouth Jan<sup>r</sup> 26: 1748—

To the Prop<sup>rs</sup> Purchasers of the Grant made To Cap<sup>t</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Mason Merch<sup>t</sup> in London by the Council of Plimouth, Lying in the Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> in New England Gent<sup>o</sup>/

I purchased of Sundry Prop<sup>rs</sup> who had Their Grant from the Massachusetts Government a Township in the line of towns (Called N<sup>o</sup> 7 or Hillsborough & Latley I've bin Informed that that Township falls within the Limits of the S<sup>d</sup> masons Grant. Against Whome I've no Inclination to Dispute

Therefore Gentlemen if it be the Case that the S<sup>d</sup> Lands are Situated within your property I would gladly Acquaint you that, free from desingn of Injuring any Body but with a view to Serve my Country and my Self Have in Bringing forward a Settlement of a Town in the most usefull man'er, for the Publick Service; Have been at near 20000<sup>l</sup> Charge; if within it is at the Extream parts of your Grant the Attempt of Setling of that Remote Wilderness, Opening Roads Discovering the Cuntry And Being a Barricord Previous to the entry on y<sup>e</sup> Lands Within, Has bin of Sup<sup>r</sup> Service (be it within your Claim) to Any Recompence you Have in your Generosity, Accepted from Sundry of your Near grants & Shall in that Way further prosecute any Duty of Settlement you think advisable for publick Service on that Land and Esteem it a favour for your Quitclaim to those Lands that I may pursue my Settlement free from debate, & with Incouragement to Industry Shall Readily Submitt my Self to your Compassion And order therein, I am Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient Humble servant  
John Hill

[*Quit-Claim to Hillsborough, 1748 / 9.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Jan. 26, 1748/9, and Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 55.]

Upon Reading & Considering the Request & Petition of Coll<sup>o</sup> John Hill of Boston Esq<sup>r</sup> to have a Quit Claim from the Said Proprietors of their Right to that Tract of land Commonly called Hillsborough to him the Said John Hill for the Reasons Set forth in his Petition on file

Voted That that the Said Proprietors first Reserving to themselves their heirs & assigns the Quantity of Seventeen hundred Acres of the said Tract of land to be laid out as the Said John Hill shall think most Convenient for promoting the Settlement there but not to be Subject to any Charge or Tax untill improved by Said Proprietors or those who hold under them or any of them have and hereby do grant (on the Terms & Conditions hereafter mentioned) all their Right Title Estate Interest & Property of in and unto the Said Tract of land and Quit their Claim unto the Said Tract of land called & known

by y<sup>e</sup> name of Hillsborough to him y<sup>e</sup> Said John Hill his Heirs and Assigns forever he Returning to the Proprietors a Plan of the Said Township shewing the Lots and how the Said Seventeen Hundred Acres are laid out—also Reserving all Pine Trees for his Majesty's Use fit for masting the Royal Navy

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[*John Hill to Proprietors, 1759.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 56.*]

Boston Jan<sup>y</sup> 29—1759

Gentlemen

I Rec<sup>d</sup> Yours of the 28th—of Decem<sup>r</sup> Last but Not until the 18th Instant & had not an opportunity to Communicat it to the Proprietor until the 22<sup>d</sup> Instant—In Auswer to which I am directed to Say that as to What the Setlers Represented at their Vissets and by there petitions Wee hop wee shall be heard before Judgmen be Given aganst us—as to there Not being able to Obtain deeds of and Assuranc<sup>e</sup> of there Lands it is a most falls Scandelus and bace Representation for wee have been allways Ready to Give them all the Right title and Interest wee have in the Land, and before any of them went on the Land wee Gave Deeds to 24. of them, whi<sup>h</sup> is Now Exstent—but thay have so Choped and Changed among them selves as has brot them Into Confution, Notwithstand wee have given Deed to all of them that would Except Shuch title from us as wee have Receiv'd & as to Returning a plan with the Reservations wee have been Ready for sum time and Expect<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Gridly would been with you sumtime agoe with whom wee have Left the settlement of the Whol affare—but he tells us that Indisspion and hurry of Bisuness has hindered him to this time but he will Imbrase the first opportunity that the season and his health will permit to wait on you & Setle the Wholl affare, hop to the Satisfaction of all Concerned—by order and in Behalf of the Proprietors I am

Gentlemen Your Most Humble ser<sup>t</sup>

John Hill Pro<sup>r</sup> cl

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[*John Hill to Proprietors, 1765.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 57.*]

Boston May 22. 1765

S<sup>r</sup> I here Inclose a plan of Peterborough and a plan of Hillborough the Reservations of the Grant of the Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> are marked and discribed on



Each plan—which pleas to present to Said proprietors with my Compliments and dutifull Regards to them—and Youl Very Much oblige Your Most Humble Ser<sup>t</sup>

John Hill

P S please to Acquaint me with the Receipt of the Same  
To George Jaffrey Esq<sup>t</sup>

[*John Goffe to Theodore Atkinson, 1766.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 58.*]

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sir I have according to the Request of your prop<sup>rs</sup> & at their Desier taken a Surveyer and two Chainmen & went to Hillsborah on wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of this Instant and set out Early on thirsday morning to Search for places where the Traspassers had ben at work found that one John Ragley had fenced a Cross Cap<sup>t</sup> Wibirds Intervail Lot west side of the River but I bleve he is Sick of his bargain he lives on that tract of Land called Kyes farm & I bleve he will make use of that fence only to find or Confin his Cattel so as to know were to find them for he has no Cattel of his own but as his Landlord lets him have them, but I must make a Remark here, for his house is within 60 Rod of Hillsburah line on Kyes farm and he has been their but about a year & I think I never Saw finer winter wheat to the best of my Remembranc He had forty Stook the Ears as large as Ever I Saw he had Good Indin Corn about an Acre and an half stally Corn pumpkins Squashes Cowcubmers in abundance oynions a varst many so that it is Ceertain it is an Exelent Land to produce what nature wants to make it comfortable and I Saw no difarence in the Land Except his was (by what Grew of Trees upon it wors then any Either Cap<sup>t</sup> wibird heirs & Yours for both these Intervail lots are Excellent & Indeed that whol body of Land & Intervail is Excellent for we went up to the falls to See what Improvements the traspassers had maid near the River & a grate way we found it, but we could find no Corners nor N<sup>os</sup> till we got to the monument by the fall East of y<sup>e</sup> River (viz) a White Oke Tree and heap of Stons & then Took that Line & found the Corner mark<sup>t</sup> & n<sup>o</sup> then Run the point as <sup>the</sup> plan but Could find no Corner from thence we Came back to were we began at the monnewment Ran the northerly line but found the plan as fals as could be, and we could have no help from the River as laid in the plan for were as for Instanc N<sup>o</sup> 1 as the whit oke tree & stons which stands East sid of the River and is a corner of that lot N<sup>o</sup> 1 frome thence by the plan it Should leave the River Right across 40 or 50

Rods and in deed it never Gits across the Rver till it Gits to the beach tree markt in the plan & that is Close to the River And an other Instance where N<sup>o</sup> 2 comes to the River it Should be  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile when upon Just measure it is no more than 60 Rods & so N<sup>o</sup> 3 & N<sup>o</sup> 4 upon the South Side and the Gove<sup>m</sup> North Line from the Cornor to the River is 104 Rods when according to the plan it is but very littel longer then the south line of S<sup>d</sup> lot N<sup>o</sup> 4, & so N<sup>o</sup> 3 the west End of that Lot by measure upon the plan is 140 Rods when upon a Exact measure by the Chain it is no more then 100 R and Every line but one that we tryed did not Com Near the plan so that it is very false and the old marks are Groom up that in allitel time more, they will not be Seen at all if not New marked but I did mark with my own hand the lines we Ran well, upon the old Spoted Trees where the marks were not Quit Grown out for some were hardly decernable & I understand our serveying & marking the lines of the Lots has put the traspassers into Great Concearn & I bleave that if Do<sup>ct</sup> Perry or his Son was prosecuted by the Gove<sup>m</sup> for he has fenced all his Lot in on the west Side of the River & George otterson by Meservy & Col<sup>l</sup> Blanchards heirs for Clearing upon their Lot on west side of the River & william Smith by George Jeffery Esq<sup>r</sup> for his Traspass upon N<sup>o</sup> 6 & building a Camp on S<sup>d</sup> Lot the matter would soon be over for the Rest would not Stir, However when we went to the place their was not a man their on the spot alth<sup>o</sup> we found Tools in their Camps such as hows &c: and as m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Peirce Desiered me I went after one John Quigley which he told me was an honest fellow & he could tell me every thing about the traspassers but when he Came upon the Spot he Either did not Cair to tell or at least Did not tell who were Traspassers upon perticular lots after we shewed him the lines and I find by the people their about that M<sup>r</sup> Qugley has had a grate hand in Incoriging them folks for he went & Shewed them the best Interval and they Gave him a considerable sum of mony for so doing & he makes his brags that he gits mony from the Lords for telling them fair Storys and that he has had the offer or has a Justices post and is commonly call<sup>d</sup> Esq<sup>r</sup> quigley among the people in that Neighbourwhood and I perceive as he dont love work very well he would be willing to Git mony that way and because one Archabald Tagert has Informed me from time to time of the Traspassers and I have Engaged him to take an other man as Evedences to Know the names of the Individuals that worke upon the perticular Lots as he went with me & knows the owner names of all the Lots Taspassed upon and to make Repot to me which m<sup>r</sup> Quigley is very much afronted at and Says as I'm Informed that he nor I have no busness to do any thing about it, and has Sued him S<sup>d</sup> Tagert as a Traspasser to this Cort which is as Grate an Ingury as

Could be Don to a Steady man in the propriotors cause for as to the meadow he mowed he Came to me Last may and told of the traspacers & Gave me their names In writing and Desiered me to Git a leace of the meadow I told him if he would be faithfull & find out the Traspacers & whose lots they were upon I would git Liberty for him to Cut 4 or 5 load their and as soon as the owner of the lot Could be found out on whose the meadow was I did not Scruple but they would Give him a leace for a yeare or two Especaly as m<sup>r</sup> Bradford & he had cleared the Road so far as 4 or 5 miles in their land to the meadow which Road was a Grate benefit to the Lords and a Good Road it is I can Ride a Gallop Thro' wibirds Col Atkinsons Ringes & m<sup>r</sup> Packer to the 11 Lot which is a Grat benifit as the woods is very Thick to go & vew them lots now Sir as Qugley has Got a leace of that meadow as he Soposes th<sup>o</sup> I bleave it is n<sup>o</sup> 11 & Design to Hurt Tagert and perswad you that he is a Traspasser and make him oidous in your Eyes, which I declair he ought to be vailed for his faithfulness neither would he have mowed that meado without I tho' he might be Safe and upon the other hand Quigley ought Not to be Contenance for Two thing (viz) for that the Traspasers Every time they go to work their they Call & see him then Surly he could have taken Evedence and followed them to where they wrote and Could have told Us when upon the Spot who Traspassed upon this or that Lot but did not

And Secondly that he Tho' to & did offer the meadow at an unreasonable price pr load which I perswaided my selfe You Gentelmen never designd by Granting him a leace Now Sir I must beg that Archabald may not be Hurt but that that matter may be Settled without Going to Cort as it will Hurt a new Settler to be forced to pay charges and you lose a Stench frind to the Cause Sir I melted my Selfe & worred so to marke the Lines new and lay out In the Rain that I Shall not be able to do down this Cort if ever any more my Harty Regards to you & your famely, & to all your propriotors & am while able your Honnours Humble & Devoted Servant

Derryfeild Aug<sup>st</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1766

John Goffe

The Honor<sup>ble</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup>

[Reserved Lots, 1779.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Feb. 22, 1779.]

State of New } Portsmouth February 22<sup>d</sup> 1779 Monday ten of the  
Hampshire } Clock before noon at the House of m<sup>r</sup> John Penhallow  
improved by him as a Store, the Proprietors meet according to  
adjournment—

Whereas John Hill Esq<sup>r</sup> hath returned to Said Proprietors a Plan of Hillsborough with the reserved Seventeen hundred acres to said Proprietors, laid out into four two hundred Acre Lotts, numbered on Said Plan N<sup>o</sup> 27, N<sup>o</sup> 28—N<sup>o</sup> 29—N<sup>o</sup> 30, and three three hundred Acre Lotts numbered 41, 42, 43, which Said Lotts are presumed to contain the number of Acres in each Lott as expressed in Said Plan—therefore Voted that each of the Said two hundred Acre Lotts be divided into two equal parts and numbered on the Said Plan from 1 to 8, and that the Said three three hundred Acre Lotts be divided into three equal parts on the Plan and be numbered from 9 to 17, and that a draft of all of the Said lotts be now drawn to the Rights of each of the fifteen Proprietors Shares and the law Lotts N<sup>o</sup> 1 & N<sup>o</sup> 2 and being drawn to said Rights and entered on Record shall be a Severance of the Same to Said Proprietors &<sup>c</sup>

The Draft of the Said Lotts were drawn as follow's Viz<sup>t</sup>

1 <sup>st</sup> To John Rindge . . . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 1, in N <sup>o</sup> 27
2 <sup>d</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 7, in N <sup>o</sup> 30
3 <sup>d</sup> Thomlinson & Mason . . . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 2, in N <sup>o</sup> 27
4 <sup>th</sup> Mark H <sup>e</sup> Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 11, in N <sup>o</sup> 41
5 <sup>th</sup> Law lott N <sup>o</sup> 2 . . . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 8, in N <sup>o</sup> 30
6 <sup>th</sup> Solly & March . . . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 17, in N <sup>o</sup> 43
7 <sup>th</sup> Geo: Jaffrey . . . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 15, in N <sup>o</sup> 43
8 Tho <sup>s</sup> Packer Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 14, in N <sup>o</sup> 42
9 Peirce & Moore . . . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 12, in N <sup>o</sup> 42
10 Blanchard Meserve & C <sup>o</sup> . . . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 5, in N <sup>o</sup> 29
11 Jotham Odiorne Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 6, in N <sup>o</sup> 29
12 Rich <sup>d</sup> Wibird Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 10, in N <sup>o</sup> 41
13 Josh <sup>a</sup> Peirce Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 4, in N <sup>o</sup> 28
14 Tho <sup>s</sup> Walingford Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 16, in N <sup>o</sup> 43
15 Law lott N <sup>o</sup> 1 . . . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 18, in N <sup>o</sup> 42
16 Jn <sup>o</sup> Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 3, in N <sup>o</sup> 28
17 John Moffatt Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 9, in N <sup>o</sup> 41

### HOOCKETT.

[This locality was formerly known as *Isle au Hooksett* and *Isle au Hooksett Falls*. The town was made up from parts of Goffstown, Dunbarton, and Chester, and incorporated July 2, 1822. A small portion of Hooksett was annexed to Allentown Jan. 5, 1853.

See papers under titles of above named towns; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 252; Index to Laws, 246; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 391; sketch by Samuel Head, 2d, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 361.]



[*Richard Ayer, about Logs at Hooksett, 1752.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 60.*]

Chester Jeneuary 25-1752

Sir whereas there was sum Loggs cut upon the westerly side of the great revver above Ile hokset falls to the sotherly of bow line and I was under Sum oblygation to you not to remove or hall said loggs without Letting you know of It I once writ to you to acquaint you when I wold draw sum of said Loggs but I under stand that faild so that you had no notice of it I now tell you that I have Halld sum of said loggs and the remainder of said loggs I do not know when they will be Haled or whether they will Ever be Halled or not and If you want proof of what Have been halld as that Seems to fullfill what you requested by my obligation you may prove it by mr John Cofrin and mr Joseph broun of Suncook

Richard Ayer

to mr Alexdr Macmurfy

#### HOPKINTON.

[This town was *Number 5* in the line of towns from Merrimack to Connecticut River, granted by Massachusetts, Jan. 16, 1735-6. Some of the grantees being from Hopkinton, Mass., the town was called *New Hopkinton*. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, Nov. 30, 1750, to Henry Mellen and others. Incorporated as Hopkinton Jan. 11, 1765, and named from Hopkinton, Mass. A portion of Bow was annexed Dec. 13, 1763, to settle a dispute between the two towns, and Hopkinton was granted town privileges. The town was annexed to Merrimack County from Hillsborough on the incorporation of the former in 1823.

See Massachusetts charters preceding; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 404; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 255; Index to Laws, 247, 402; sketch, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 391; Life and Times in Hopkinton, by C. C. Lord, 1890, pp. 583; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 368; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 8, 12; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 391; Memorial of Carlton Chase, 1870; An Ancient Necropolis, by C. C. Lord, 7, Granite Monthly, 25; Churches in, by same, 2, *id.*, 22; Education in, by same, 1, *id.*, 337; Industries in, by same, 2, *id.*, 121; Items and Incidents in, by same, 2, *id.*, 304, 358; Manners and Customs in, by same, 2, *id.*, 186, 217, 251, 278; Millitary Affairs in, by same, 2, *id.*, 154; Politics in, by same, 2, *id.*, 43; Travelling Accommodations in, by same, 2, *id.*, 71; Extracts from Records, 2, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 171.]

[*Petition for Lands in Hopkinton, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 61.]

Province of }  
 New Hampshire } Portsmouth Nov<sup>r</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1748.  
 To the Purchasers & Proprietors of Cap<sup>t</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Tufton Mason's Right  
 in Lands in Said Province—

Whereas y<sup>e</sup> Persons Named on y<sup>e</sup> Other Side have Improved Lands  
 in a Township Called Hopkinton or N<sup>o</sup> 5 Lying upon y<sup>e</sup> West part of  
 Rumford, in Whose behalf I request y<sup>e</sup> favour of y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors when  
 that tract of Land is granted by You that You would Suffer y<sup>e</sup> within  
 Named to be Grantees in Manner & upon Such Terms as You Shall  
 see Meet

Samuel Rolf	Timothy Nolton	Ephraim Nolton
David Woodell	Joseph mellen	Peter How
John Annis	Caleb Burbank	John merrill
Philip Eastman	Samson Colbe	Jeremiah Eastman
Joseph Eastman	Nathaniel Eastman	Isaac Chandler
Nathaniel Chandler	Deceased	Joseph ordway
Joseph Eastman 3 <sup>d</sup>	Jonathan Straw	Richard Potter
Matthew Stanly	Joseph Easman	Jabes Potter
Jacob Potter	Aaron Kimbill	John Burbank
Samuel Easman	Nathan Lovejoy	John Rus Discd
James osgood Anmestar		Benjaman Woodell
Petor How Juner	Paul Nolton Deceased	
	Nathanael West	

[*Petition of Henry Mellen, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 64.]

Province of }  
 New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> } Portsmouth Dec<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1748  
 To the Honb<sup>l</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esqur and others  
 Purchasers of y<sup>e</sup> Lands within y<sup>e</sup> Province of New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> bo't  
 of John Tufton Mason Esqur—

I the Subscriber Henry Mellins of Hopkinton in y<sup>e</sup> Province of y<sup>e</sup>  
 Mass<sup>a</sup> Bay Shew's That the Major part of y<sup>e</sup> Claimers of a Tract of  
 Land called New Hopkinton or N<sup>o</sup> 5 in y<sup>e</sup> line of Towns granted by  
 y<sup>e</sup> Mass<sup>a</sup> which lyes in y<sup>e</sup> Prov<sup>e</sup> of New Hampshire—have Requested  
 of me to come to Portsmouth to enquire into the Right & Title of y<sup>e</sup>  
 Purchasers of Mason's Right aforesaid & to apply my Selve in their  
 behalf to y<sup>e</sup> best means of procuring or preserving their Interests in

y<sup>e</sup> Said Tract called N<sup>o</sup> 5—Pursuant to Said Request I do for myselfe as a claimer in Said N<sup>o</sup> 5 and in behalf of y<sup>e</sup> Claimers aforesaid, as Apprehending your Right & Title in Mason's Right aforesaid to be good do humbly Request of you Proprietors, that you would Secure to us our claims in Said N<sup>o</sup> 5 upon Such Terms and Conditions as you shall think proper and shall be tho't best for your Selves and your Petitioners in whose behalfe I am Gent<sup>m</sup>

Your most Hum: Serv<sup>t</sup>

Henry mellen

[*Petition of Timothy Clements, 1749.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 62.]

To the Honb<sup>le</sup> The Purchasers & Proprietors of the Lands in the Province of New Hampshire purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu<sup>r</sup>—

The Memorial of Timothy Clements of Haverhill District in said Province in his own Behalfe and others Settlers and Improvers of y<sup>t</sup> Tract of Land commonly known by New Hopkinton or N<sup>o</sup> 5—Humbly Shew's

That whereas Henry Mellen of Hopkinton in y<sup>e</sup> Prov: of y<sup>e</sup> Mass<sup>a</sup> Bay Appeared before the Honb<sup>le</sup> Proprietors and Obtain'd a Vote in favour of y<sup>e</sup> Settlers and Improvers of S<sup>d</sup> New Hopkinton but hath neglected to lay before y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors a List of those who have Settled and Improved there and being Apprehensive that you will not wait a much longer time for m<sup>r</sup> Mellin's further Application before you will dispose of said Tract of Land and have Reason to think from his Selling all his Interest there particularly eight Score Acres for nine hundred Pounds old Tenor—that he will not offer anything further to you in their Behalf—

I therefore Request that you would be so favourable that you would not dispose of Said Tract of land called New Hopkinton before I have an Opp<sup>o</sup> of laying before your Honb<sup>le</sup> Propriety the Names of the Persons who have made any Settlement and Improvement upon Said New Hopkinton with an Attested State thereof and when so done pray you would make a grant to Such Persons So much of said New Hopkinton, and upon such Terms as shall be best for Settling said Land, And you'l ever oblige y<sup>e</sup> Said Petitioners in whose behalfe I am

your Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

Timothy Clements

Province of  
New Hampshire }

Portsm<sup>o</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1749

[*List of Inhabitants of Hopkinton, 1749.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 66.]

The List of the In Habatants And the Improvers of No 5 in The Line of Towns as it was under the formour Grants of the Maresse- chusetts bay adjoining To Rumford or penny Cook So Called —Namely—

Timothy Clements	James Clements	William Clements
Jerimiah Eastman	Ebenezer Eastman	William Peters
moses merill	Insg <sup>n</sup> Joseph Eastman	aron Cimbball
aron Cimbball Juner	Joseph ardeway	Joseph ardeway Jun <sup>r</sup>
Joseph Chandlr	Leu <sup>t</sup> Isaac Chandler	Isaac Chandler Jun <sup>r</sup>
Edward ardeway	Danel annes	Jabes Potter
Jacob Potter	Samuel Putteney	John puttney
Thomas Easteman	Stephen Hoyt	James Grout
Thomas merill	John merill	Enoch Eastman
John Burbank	Caleb Burbank	Jonathan Burbank
David woodwell	David woodwell Juner	Samull Eastman
Joseph Eastman	Joseph Eastman Juner	alis y <sup>e</sup> 3 <sup>d</sup>
Samson Colbey	Stephen Colbey	Marthey Standley
Joseph Standley	Abraham Colbey	Timothy Burbank
Nathaniel Chandler Deceased		John Eastman

[*List and Petition of Grantees of Hopkinton.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 63.]

Gen<sup>t</sup> Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> These are the names of the Seventy that you made a grant to of a place called N<sup>o</sup> 5 or New Hopkinton

Joseph Eastman juner	Ezra Carter	Jacob Potter
Enoch Easman	Thomas Easman	Abraham Colbe
Samson Colbe	Lot Colbe	Aaron Stevens
Samuel Easman	Joseph Easman 3 <sup>d</sup>	Joseph Easman
Stephen Hoyt	Thomas Merrill	Matthew Stanly
John Putney	Ebenezer Eastman	Jeremiah Eastman
Samuel Putnam Administrator upon the Right	of philip pratt Dec <sup>d</sup>	
Thomas Walker	John Nutt	Mark Whitney
Joseph Haven	James Lock	Joseph Haven
James Whitney	Joseph Haven jun <sup>r</sup>	Isaac Whitney

Eben <sup>r</sup> Goddard	Edward Goddard Esq	Benjamin Goddard
Joseph Haven 3	Benjamin Goddard Juner	Solomon Park
Isaac Gibbs	Jedidiah Haven	Nathaniel Gibbs
Eben <sup>er</sup> Kimbell	Elezer hayward	David Woodwell
Peter How juner	nathanel abbet	Peter How
Thomas Bixby	Thomas mellen	John Burbank
John Mellen	Daniel mellen	John Jones Esq <sup>r</sup> two Rights
Joseph Mellen	Simson Jones	Henry Mellen two lotts
	John Jones Jonur	Timothy Townsend
	Jabez Potter	

Province of } To the Proprietors of the Right of John Tufton  
 New Hamp<sup>r</sup> } Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> to the Lands in Said Province Com'only  
 called Mason's—

Gentlemen I am Authorized by the Persons within Named to Apply to You for a Grant of Your Right to that Tract of Land Commonly calld N<sup>o</sup> 5 or New Hopkinton on Such Terms and Limitations as you shall be Pleased to Grant—and I do hereby in behalf of my Self & my said Constituents Pray that you would accordingly Grant the Same on as Easy Terms as You Possibly can or Shall See good—

I would also Move for Liberty to add the Names of Eleven more Such Persons as I or Some other in my & their behalf shall Return to you hereafter of Such as were Original Proprietors

Henry mellen

[*Petition for Charter of Hopkinton, 1750.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 65.]

To the honorable Gentlemen Proprietors of y<sup>e</sup> royal Patent Originally made to—*Mason Esq.*

We the Subscribers formerly Proprietors of y<sup>e</sup> Township N<sup>o</sup> 5 in y<sup>e</sup> line of Towns Humbly Petition your *honours* for a new grant of y<sup>e</sup> Same, & y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Charter may be given to *Henry Mellen* our Agent in this Affair, & y<sup>t</sup> he may have power to Admit, as our Associates, as many of y<sup>e</sup> Original Proprietors as will *Subject y<sup>m</sup>selves*, & pay y<sup>e</sup> Charges, & upon y<sup>e</sup> refusal of any to Admit others in their room Said Mellen Signing y<sup>e</sup> *Counterpart* on our behalf.

And we your Petitioners further pray for y<sup>e</sup> liberty of three Years to lay out & Settle S<sup>d</sup> Township after y<sup>e</sup> present Difficulty with y<sup>e</sup> Indians is over & we can proceed with Safty

Yours to Serve

Hopkinton Nov<sup>r</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1750

on y<sup>e</sup> back Side

Benjamin Godard	Ebenezar Godard	Thomas mellen
Joseph Eastman	Joseph mellen	Ezra Carter
Daniel mellen	John Mellen	Solomon Park
David Woodwell	Jedediah haven	Thomas Walker
Thomas Bixby	Tim <sup>o</sup> Townsend	Peter How
Peter How Juner	John Nutt	Joseph Haven
Moses Haven	Ebenezar kimball	Joseph Haven jun <sup>r</sup>
Joseph Haven the third	John Haven	Samuel Haven
Henry mellen	Mark Whitney	thomas Merrill
James Whitney	John Jons Jun <sup>r</sup>	Gidden Whitney
		James Lock

[*Charter of Hopkinton, 1750.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records. Nov. 30, 1750.]

Province of } Portsmouth November y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1750 Fryday Six of  
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon at the House of Ann Slayton  
the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Voted that there be and hereby is granted in Equal Shares in fee Simple unto Henry Mellens yeoman Thomas Walker Cooper and Thomas Mellens Cordwainer all of Hopkinton in the County of Middlesex in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay and unto Such others as they shall admit their associates so as to make up the Number Seventy in the whole (Preference being first given and offer made unto the original Claimers in virtue of the Grant made by the Massachusetts Government or such as hold under Such Claimers to be admitted associates if they will) upon the Reservations Conditions Limitations and Provisoos here after mentioned, all the Right Title Interest Claim Property Challenge or demand whatsoever of the Said Proprietors the Grantors of in and unto all that Tract of land in New Hampshire Situate on the westerly Side of Merrimack River, Called and known by the name of Number Five in the Line of Towns so called as well as by the Name of New Hopkinton according to the Bounds thereof heretofore run and made in pursuance of the said Governments Grant Reserving unto the Said Proprietors the Grantors the one fifth part thereof, the Same to lie and be Set off from the Other four fifths on the westerly part of Said Tract of land and to extend across the Same from the Northerly to the southerly Boundary line thereof. The said reserved one fifth part to be exempted & exonerated from all Taxes and Charges untill the Same shall be improved by the Said Grantors or Such as shall hold the Same under them

That there be one whole share reserved within the other four fifths in some Convenient place for the first Setled minister there in fee Simple; provided he shall continue minister there during his life or untill regularly dismissed—

That there be one whole share reserved within the said four fifths for the use of the ministry there for ever—

That there be one whole share reserved within said four fifths for the use of a school there for ever—

That there be reserved at the Place where the old Saw Mill stood, within said Tract of land, Thirty acres of land (with so much of the Stream there as is necessary) for a saw mill Privilege to be laid out as commodious as may be; and that the Grantees and their associates build a Saw Mill at said Place within two years from this time at their own Cost and Charge

That within Three years there be thirty familys there, each of them having a house there at least sixteen foot Square with a Cellar under it, and five acres of land Cleared and fitted for mowing or Tillage

That Within Seven years there be Sixty familys there each of them having a house and Cellar as aforementioned and five acres of land Cleared & fitted as aforesaid—

That within Three years a meeting house be built there and Constant preaching therein at the Cost and Charge of the Grantees and their associates—

That within Seven years a minister be setled there at the Cost and Charge of the Grantees and their associates—

That all white Pine Trees that are or shall be growing on said Tract of land fit for his majestys use shall be and hereby are reserved & granted to his majesty his Heirs and successors—

That a Plan of the said Tract of land, having the Reserved fifth part thereof afores<sup>d</sup> delineated described and marked out, thereon be sent by the Grantees to the Grantors, within the space of Forty days from this time and also an Instrument in writing signed by the s<sup>d</sup> Grantees, therein obliging themselves and their associates to fullfill and comply with the Conditions herein mentioned relating to the settlement of the said Tract of land Said Instrument to be prepared by the Grantors, and that this Grant shall be of no force or effect to the Grantees untill such Instrument shall be sent signed as aforesaid—

That in Case any of the Grantees or their associates their Heirs or assigns respectively shall neglect to do and perform what is herein required by them to be done and performed, it shall be lawfull to and for the Grantors their Heirs and assigns to enter into and upon such Delinquents share or Right and to dispose of the same as they shall see meet and proper as thô this grant had not been made

That in Case of an Indian war before the Limitation of time is expired, for the doing and performing the Respective matters and things herein mentioned to be done and performed, then the like number of years to be allowed for the doing & performing thereof after the End of such Indian War—

And whereas the said Proprietors have already released all their Right in the Township of Bow (as they claim under the Said John Tufton Mason) unto the Proprietors of Bow and it being Suggested That Bow may take off some part of the Tract of land call'd Number Five alias New Hopkinton afores<sup>d</sup> That the said Grantors will make up to the said Grantees and their associates out of some other of the Grantors ungranted lands what shall be taken by Bow from the said Tract of land call'd Number Five alias New Hopkinton upon a Just and true admeasurement and running the Lines of the said Bow according to the Grant thereof

And in Case any action or suit shall be brought against the said Grantees, their associates or their assigns or any that shall or may hold under them or any of them for s<sup>d</sup> Tract of land or any part thereof they shall be and hereby are oblig'd to vouch in the s<sup>d</sup> Grantors their Heirs or assigns to defend the same and the said Grantors hereby promise and engage that they their Heirs or assigns shall and will at their own Cost and Charge defend one action or suit upon one Title and pursue the same to final Judgment thro' the whole Course of the law (if there shall be occasion) and in Case the final Judgment in such Trial shall be against the s<sup>d</sup> Grantors, the Grantees or owners shall recover nothing over in Satisfaction of and from the Grantors their Heirs Executors administrators or assigns—

[*Acceptance of Grant of Hopkinton, 1750.*]

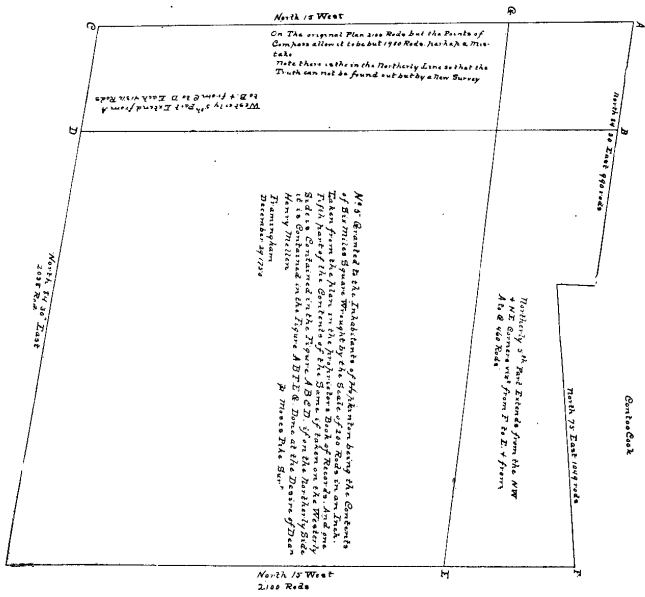
[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 67.*]

Province of } \_\_\_\_\_  
New Hampshire }

Whereas on the thirtyeth day of November 1750 There was a Grant made by the Proprietors of the lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq' lying and being in said Province of all their Right in and to a tract of land on the westerly side of Merrimack River, Call'd and known by the name of Number five in the line of Towns so called as well as by the name of New Hopkinton with Such Conditions Limitations Reservations and Provisoos as are therein mentiond, (Reference being had unto Said Grant May fully appear) unto Henry Mellens yeoman Thomas Walker Cooper and Thomas Mellens Cord-



[Plan of Hopkinton, 1750.]



North 1/2 West  
 On The original Plan see Rods but the Points of  
 Comparison are not in the but 1750 Rods Marked & Mis-  
 take  
 Note there is no on the Northside Line so that the  
 Think one not be found out but by a New Survey

Map of Hopkinton in the Probate Court of Hopkinton during the Contents  
 of the Court of the State of 1750 Rods by any Mark  
 Taken from the Plan in this Court by any Mark  
 Fifth part of the Contents of the Same of Hopkinton the Probate  
 Side & Contained in the Town of Hopkinton in the Probate Court  
 Henry Thorton in the Figure A B C D of in the Northside of the  
 Hopkinton  
 December 17/50  
 P. Moses Side Secy

Remains of the East 1000 Rods from the NW  
 1/4 of the 1000 Rods from S. 1/4 E. 1/4 from  
 A. B. 1000 Rods

North 1/2 East  
 1000 Rods

Hopkinton

wainer all of Hopkinton in the County of Middlesex in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay and such others as they shall admit their associates so as to make up the number Seventy in the whole. Now it is hereby Covenanted and agreed upon by and between the s<sup>d</sup> Henry Mellens Thomas Walker and Thomas Mellens for themselves and such as they shall admit as their associates & their Respective Heirs and assigns and the said Proprietors the Grantors their Heirs and assigns That they the s<sup>d</sup> Grantees do hold and claim the s<sup>d</sup> granted Premises in the Right of the said Grantors and by Virtue of the Grant afores<sup>d</sup> And that they the s<sup>d</sup> Grantees and such as they shall admit their associates their Heirs and Assigns respectively shall and will Comply with do perform fullfill and accomplish every matter, & thing (as Mentioned in s<sup>d</sup> Grant) by them Respectively to be complyd with done performed fullfilld and accomplished in order to the Setling the said Tract of land and bringing forward a Setled Town there agreeable to the Conditions in said Grant mentioned and that in Case of failure thereof the Right or share of such delinquent & failing Person or Persons respectively in said Tract of land by virtue of the Said Grant shall revert unto the Proprietors the Grantors their Heirs and Assigns and that in such Case it shall and may be lawfull to and for the said Grantors their Heirs and assigns to enter into and upon the Right or share of Such Delinquent and failing Person or Persons and take possession thereof & Dispose of the same as they shall see Cause, and it is further agreed upon and to be understood—that the failure of one or More Persons shall not Injure or Prejudice those Persons who shall fullfill and do their part of the Conditions afores<sup>d</sup>—In Testimony whereof the s<sup>d</sup> Henry Mellens Thomas Walker and Thomas Mellens have hereunto set their hands and Seals the twentieth day of December Anno Domini 1750—

Mem<sup>o</sup> The words of *all their Right in and to a Tract land Interlied* before Signing &c—

Signed Seald and Deliverd  
in presence of us  
John Death  
John Death Jun<sup>r</sup>

Henry mellen	[Seal]
Thomas Walker	[Seal]
Thomas mellen	[Seal]

Middlesex ss Sherbourn December y<sup>o</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1750 the Above Named Henry Millen and Thomas Walker and Thomas Millen all Personally Appeared and Acknowledged this Instrument to be their free act and Deed Before me

John Death Justice of Peace



Allowed to Such Delinquent or Delinquents Shall be Utterly Void,  
as if the Same had never been

H M  
T W  
T M

We who hereunto Subscribe being Admitted by the Gentlemen Impowred by the Proprietors of the Land purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in the Province of New Hampshire Associates together with them in A Tract of Land in New Hampshire afores<sup>d</sup> called Or known by the name of Number five in the Line of Towns as well as by the name of New-Hopkintown, Do hereby each one for himself Severally, Covenant promise Grant & Agree to and with the Said Gentlemen, namely Henry Mellen Thomas Walker & Thomas Mellen, or the Survivour or Survivours of them, well and truly, for Our respective parts thereof to do perform And fulfil All and whatsoever is Needful or Requisite to Enable them fully to comply with All and Singular the Conditions of the Grant made to them & their Associates, by the Original Proprietors of s<sup>d</sup> Lands, And We further Covenant promise Grant & Agree, for our Several parts thereof, well & truly to pay each one his respective part & proportion of all Such Sum & Sums of Money as Shall be voted and Agreed upon by the Major part of y<sup>e</sup> Associates, at any Meeting or Meetings, duly warned or Notified, to pay & Satisfie the Charge of public Worship & other necessary Charges Arising for & towards the Setling & bringing forward of a New Township on the Lands afores<sup>d</sup> during the Interim & until a Township be Legally Incorporated. And To the true and faithful Observance And Performance of all & Singular the s<sup>d</sup> Covenants each of the s<sup>d</sup> partys for his Several & Particular part thereof, doth bind & Oblige himself, his heirs Execut<sup>rs</sup> Administ<sup>rs</sup> Unto the Said Henry Mellen Thomas Walker And Thomas Mellen heirs Execut<sup>rs</sup> Admin<sup>rs</sup> or Assigns in the Penal Sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Pounds in Curr<sup>t</sup> Money or good & Lawful Bills of Credit on the Said province of New Hampshire firmly by these presents, to be paid by each of the Subscribers that Shall make default in the premises, & to be Employed to & for the benefit and behoof of the Associated setlers on the Lands afores<sup>d</sup>

Provided nevertheless and tis to be understood anithing above written notwithstanding that in Case Thirty Lots be Settled Within three years agreeable to the original Grant and Such of the Proprietors as have y<sup>e</sup> Privildge of Seven years for Setteling do well and truly pay to y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Henry mellen Thomas Walker Thomas mellen or any of them to and for y<sup>e</sup> use of Such as Settle and Dwell on thare Respective lots within the first three years part and part alike y<sup>e</sup> Sum

of ten pounds in bills of Credit of the old tenor or Lawfull money of Equivilent value at y<sup>e</sup> End of the S<sup>d</sup> three years that then y<sup>e</sup> forfeiture of Lots above mentioned Shall not Extend to any of y<sup>e</sup> Sixty Proprietors nor Shall any Such forfeiture Extend to any of those ten other Proprietors who formerly Covenanted to pay thirty pounds Each bills of Credit of y<sup>e</sup> old tenor insted of the Duty of Setling in Case thay Duly pay the S<sup>d</sup> Sum or Sums or y<sup>e</sup> value thareof in Lawfull money and in Case of a war all y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors shall injoy y<sup>e</sup> Privildge Exprsed in the original Grant

Advertisement March 26, 1751

Pursuant to the Trust and Power deposited in Us the Subscribers, by the Proprietors of Land by them purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> Situate in the Province of New Hampshire, And in Order to the bringing forward a Township on a Tract of Land there, called or known by the name of Number five, as well as by the name of New Hopkinton, These are to give Notice to all Such Persons, who have or claim any Right in Said Tract of Land, in Virtue of a Grant of the Massachusetts Government, or hold Under any of them, That We have Appointed a Meeting at the House of M<sup>r</sup> Osgood Innholder in Rumford in New Hampshire on the 13, 14 & 15 days of May next, to Receive Such Claims, And to Admit Setlers therein (Giving Preference to Such Claimers) According to the purport & On the Conditions, expressed in the Grant of the Said Proprietors to us & Our Associates bearing date Nov<sup>r</sup> 30 1750 And also (When s<sup>d</sup> Setlers are admitted) Then to Agree upon a Method to Call Meetings for the futer.

Henry mellen H M  
T. W  
T. M.

[*Protest against Henry Mellen's Terms, 1752.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 70.]

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Proprietors of the Lands Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in the Province of New Hampshire

The Petition of a Number of the Original Claimers To a Township Calld n<sup>o</sup> five In virtue of a Grant maide by the Massachusetts Government or Such as hold under them Humbly Sheweth—

That where as your Hon<sup>rs</sup> at the request of m<sup>r</sup> Henry Mellen of Hopkinton was Pleased to make a Grant of a Tract of Land adjoining On Rumford Known by the Name of Number five To the s<sup>d</sup> Henry Mellen Thomas Walker & Thomas Mellen and Such as they Should

admit as their Associates on Certain Conditions with restrictions and Reservations there to Subjoyned as by the said Grant may fully appear where by your Petitioners beleaive your Hon<sup>rs</sup> Intended the Speedy Setlement of a Town in that Place to the Advantage of The Government as well as your own & the Setlers advantage and benifit now your Petitioners would Humbly Signifie To your Hon<sup>rs</sup> that the Said Henry Mellen and Others have not observed Your Instructions Contained in Said Grant with respect to Their admitting Setlers but Insist on terms which we Apprehend are very unreasonable and unsafe for us to Comply w<sup>th</sup> as by their Terms may appear whereby your Petitioners w<sup>th</sup> most of the Claimers are Prevented being admitted as Setlers To their great Dammage & Hindrance in Setleing, and the Setling of the Place greatly Retarded,

Wherefore your Petitioners Pray your Hon<sup>rs</sup> to Take the matter into your wise Consideration & order Somthing for our releaf in this Case according to your Hon<sup>rs</sup> great Wisdom and Goodness and Send your Pleasure by the Bearer M<sup>r</sup> Haven and your Petitioners as in duty bound Shall Ever Pray

Hopkinton May y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>th</sup> 1752

Rights 3	John Jones	3	Joseph Haven
2	Peter How	1	Simpson Jones
1	Thomas Bixby	1	Timothy Townsend
1	Ebenezer Kimbell	1	Isaac Gibbs
1	Na <sup>t</sup> Gibbs	1	Mork Whitney

[*Proprietors to Henry Mellen, 1752.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 71.*]

Portsm<sup>o</sup> Mar 7<sup>th</sup> 1752

M<sup>r</sup> Henry mellins

Sir/ You may remember that some time since there was a grant made to you and two others by the purchasers of the lands of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> as Trustees with Certain Reservations Restrictions and Limitations in s<sup>d</sup> Grant Mentioned of their Right Title and Interest in a certain Tract of Land therein mentiond—and whereas it is near a year and a half since the Grant was made but we can't understand that any setlers are admitted—it is desired by the s<sup>d</sup> Proprietors that you will without delay proceed to admit Setlers agreeable to y<sup>e</sup> Terms of the Grant Giving the Preference to the claimers under the Massachusetts or such as hold under them and in case they

Refuse to be admitted agreeable thereto the proprietors would be glad to know from you the reasons they assign for their Refusall The Delaying the settlement (you must be sensible) is of great disservice to all concernd—In behalf and by order of the Proprietors aforesaid this is subscribed by S<sup>r</sup> y<sup>r</sup> most Hum Serv<sup>t</sup>

Geo: Jaffrey

To m<sup>r</sup> Henry Mellins at Hopkinton  
Copy of Letter sent to m<sup>r</sup> Hen[ry Mellen]

[*Protest of Settlers of Hopkinton, 1754.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 73.]

To the Honb<sup>o</sup> the Proprietors of the Lands purchasd by John Tuftan Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> lying in the Province of New Hampshire:

The Petition of the Settlers of y<sup>e</sup> Township N<sup>o</sup> 5 in Said Province humbly Sheweth

That Whereas You, Gentlemen, in your Grant made to Henry Mellen & others, in behalf of Said Settlers, did Reserve one fifth part of s<sup>d</sup> Township to your selves lying either on y<sup>e</sup> North or West part thereof at y<sup>e</sup> Election of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Henry Mellen & his associates And whereas the Said Henry Mellen not having it in his Power to Consult the Rest of y<sup>e</sup> settlers before he was obliged to make Return to you, Sett off for y<sup>e</sup> purpose afores<sup>d</sup> one fifth part of the Township on y<sup>e</sup> Westerly Side thereof, which, without any Advantage accruing therefrom to your Hon<sup>rs</sup> proves to be a great Disadvantage to the S<sup>d</sup> Settlers And Much Obstructs them in their present Infant State by Reason especially that Said  $\frac{1}{5}$  Set off as aforesaid, Includes much of those fresh Meadows upon which your Petitioners greatly Depend for y<sup>e</sup> present Support of their Stock, And without which the Settlement of your Petitioners will be Rendered very Difficult by Reason of y<sup>e</sup> very great Growths of wood & timber in S<sup>d</sup> Township Wherefore Your Petitioners humbly pray you to Release to them the Said fifth part laid out on y<sup>e</sup> west, & to take it on the North Side of said Township, And your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall ever pray

Framingham May 28, 1754:

Joseph Haven { In the Name  
and at the Desire  
of y<sup>e</sup> Setlers aforesaid

[*Henry Mellen to Proprietors, 1759.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 72.*]

Hopkinton Feb<sup>r</sup> 10, 1759.

Gentlemen

By a Letter from the present Inhabitants of the Township N<sup>o</sup> 5 otherwise called Newhopkinton, I am informed that several principal Men of the Proprietors of Bow Township have been with them several times lately, claiming a very considerable part of s<sup>d</sup> Township N<sup>o</sup> 5 on which are several Settlers who have laid out their Substance & made considerable improvement thereon forbidding them to work on s<sup>d</sup> land, and Threatning them that if nothing is done within the Space of three months to accommodate, & Settle the matter, that they will put them to trouble in the Law—I have therefore at their desire, and at the desire of such other of the proprietors as I have been able to Speak with, given you this Notice of s<sup>d</sup> difficulty with their Earnest desire that you would use your utmost endeavour to Settle, & Accommodate the Affair; Now can We doubt your kind Offices herein, when you recollect the great difficulties s<sup>d</sup> Settlers, & proprietors have incoun<sup>t</sup>er'd, and Struggled with in obtaining, & Settling s<sup>d</sup> Township By falling into your Propriety, & Province they have lost One fifth of their first Grant, and during the Course of a long, & dangerous War, they have hazzarded both their lives, and Substance; New Settlers in these low, & unhappy circumstances can't be Suppos'd able to contest Titles in Law. You may remember Gentlemen that when you made Us the Grant this matter was disputed, & mention was made of a difference between the Grant of Bow Township, and the Entry of s<sup>d</sup> Grant, and I was told that according to an equal Adjustment and Admeasurement of s<sup>d</sup> Bow Township they Never could infringe upon us, and that I need give my self no Trouble about it. We therefore desire, and doubt not, but that you will see to it That the Boundaries of s<sup>d</sup> Bow Township be run and fix'd by such Judicious, & impartial Persons and in such an Equitable manner that We may meet with no further Trouble about it. But whereas it is provided in y<sup>r</sup> Grant to us, that in Case Bow Township should take off any of the lands assign'd to us by your grant that an Equivalent shoud be given us out of your ungranted lands. We therefore desire, that if notwithstanding all indeavours to the Contrary Bow Township should take any of our lands on the Southeast part, That you would grant us an Equivalent out of your Ungranted lands on Our Southwest corner Adjoining, as by its Contiguity it will Accommodate us much better there than any where else, And tho' this will be far from Compensating the Unhappy Sufferers, Yet it will be the best you can do by unimprov'd,



& Uncultivated lands, & no doubt humanity as well as Justice will prompt to that for persons so distress'd—But We can't but Strongly hope that by your interest, & Endeavours the matter may Be Settled without the loss of land, and Pray that you would as soon as may be favour us with your Answer, & direct it to be left at the house of John Jeffries Esq<sup>r</sup> in Boston—By the direction, and the Desire of the Proprietors—

I am Gentlemen your most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

Henry Mellen

To M<sup>r</sup> Geo: Jaffrey Clerk of the Propriety who purchas'd the Lands of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> To be Communicated to s<sup>d</sup> Propriety

[*Proprietors to Col. Jones, 1761.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 74.*]

Portsm<sup>o</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1761

S<sup>r</sup> Since I See you at Boston I have had Opportunity of Confering with the Proprietors, Respecting the Controversy between New Hopkinton & Bow Prop<sup>rs</sup> and in Regard to Epsom's Line being extended  $\frac{3}{4}$  of mile beyond its proper Limits so as to carry the Line of Bow so much farther than was intended I was fully informed that the Line that Bow now claims & holds has been Settled & fix'd between Mason's Proprietors & Bow Proprietors that our Proprietors can't insist upon their altering that Line on any Terms, as it was establish'd by Committees from each Propriety, And I cant find any Method that would conduce to the case and advantage of New Hopkinton Prop<sup>rs</sup> than some Persons duly qualified to appear in their Behalf speedily to come here & have the Matter accommodated which I doubt not but will be adjusted much more to their advantage, than Suffering the Law Suits to proceed to Trial, which Suits have been continued, till y<sup>e</sup> first week in march, but whether will be further Continued I cant answer but fear not, So think it will be more for your advantage, for some person from you, to be here before that time, to accomodate the Affair I am in behalf of the Prop<sup>rs</sup>

y<sup>r</sup> most hum<sup>b</sup>le Serv<sup>t</sup>

Geo: Jaffrey

To Coll<sup>o</sup> Jones at Hopkinton

[*Addition to Hopkinton, 1761.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, June 11, 1761, and Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 75.]

Province of } Portsmouth June 11<sup>th</sup> 1761—Thursday five of the  
New Hampsh' } Clock afternoon at the Dwelling House of James  
Stoodly Innholder the Proprietors meet according to adjournment—  
and adjourned to the dwelling house of Hannah Horney Innholder,—  
At the Dwelling house of Hannah Horney Innholder, The Proprietors  
meet according to adjournment—

The Proprietors on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 1750 having granted the Tract of land called New Hopkinton or Number five, by the bounds thereof heretofore run and made, unto Henry Mellens yeoman Thomas Walker Cooper Thomas Mellens Cordwainer, and to Such others as they should admitt as associates, so as to make the Number Seventy in the whole &c—and reserved unto the Said Proprietors the Grantors, one fifth part of Said Tract of land, the Same to lay and be Sett off from the other four fifths on the Westerly part of Said Tract of land & to extend from the Northerly to the Southerly Side thereof, as marked in a Plan returned by Said Grantees—and it is also provided in Said Grant that So much of Said Tract of land granted as New hopkington or Number five, as the Town of Bow take's off within the Bounds or Limitts of Said Bow—that the Said Grantors, will make up to the Said Grantees and their Associates out of Some other of the Grantors, ungranted Lands—But as Henry Mellens and Thomas Mellens aforesaid and Timothy Clement of New Hopkinton, as Agents or a Committee of the Grantees of Said New Hopkinton have represented to Said Proprietors at their meeting now holding, that the Proprietors of Bow do claim some part of Land granted as New Hopkinton, on which Grantees of New Hopkinton were about making improvements, but were molested by the Proprietors of Bow—and it appearing that some part of the Said tract of land heretofore bounded as New Hopkinton lay's within the Bounds of the Township of Bow, and at the Special Instance and Request of said Henry Mellens Thomas Mellens and Timothy Clements of Said New Hopkinton as a Committee Or Agents for the Grantees of Said New Hopkinton—and for favouring the Grantees or Such of them as may more im'ediately be Affected by the line of Bow taking off any Lotts or Improvements of y<sup>e</sup> Grantees of New Hopkinton It is Therefore

Voted That So much of the Tract of Land granted by the Said Proprietors as New Hopkinton, as lay's within the Township of Bow, that the Same number of Acres Shall be taken off from the Said one fifth part of Said New Hopkinton reserved to the Said Grantors on

the Westerly Side of Said New Hopkington from the easterly Side of y<sup>e</sup> Said reserved one fifth part, by running a Line parrallel to the Westerly Side line of Said New Hopkington from the Northerly to y<sup>e</sup> Southerly Side thereof including y<sup>e</sup> Same number of Acres as shall be taken out of Said New Hopkington, by y<sup>e</sup> boundary line of Bow coming within y<sup>e</sup> reputed line of Said New Hopkington—which number of Acres taken out of the Said reserved one fifth part of New Hopkington—by running y<sup>e</sup> Parrallel line aforesaid—shall be in full Satisfaction to the Grantees of New hopkington and their associates or to such of them whose Lotts may be affected by the Said Bow and is hereby granted to them their Heirs and Assigns for ever—

[*List of Grantees of Hopkinton, 1762.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 76.]

To The Honorable Lord Proprietors of John Tufton Meason's Esq<sup>rs</sup> Grant so called in Newhampshir we Henry Mellen Thomas Walker and Thomas Mellen Agreeable to the Charter Given us of a Township in the line of Towns Number 5, Or New Hopkinton so Called Scituate on the westerly side of Merrimeck River in the Province Afore said have Admitted The Persons here after Named as our Associates and have Given the Preferance and offer to the Original Clamers—

	Rights.		
John Jones Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	2	Abner Kimbal Heir <sup>s</sup> . . . . .	1
Joseph Haven Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	1	Timothy Clemmans . . . . .	1
Rev <sup>t</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> Haven . . . . .	1	John Rust Heir <sup>s</sup> . . . . .	1
John Haven . . . . .	1	William Peters . . . . .	1
Tho <sup>s</sup> Byxby . . . . .	1	Ebenezar Eastman . . . . .	1
Peter How . . . . .	1	Jacob Straw . . . . .	1
Joseph Haven . . . . .	1	Samuel Putney . . . . .	1
Timothy Townsend . . . . .	1	Joseph Putney . . . . .	1
Elde <sup>r</sup> Joseph Haven . . . . .	1	Jonathan Straw . . . . .	2
Simpson Jones Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	1	Thomas Merril . . . . .	1
Isaac Pratt . . . . .	1	Joseph Eastman . . . . .	1
Jedidiah Haven . . . . .	1	Jacob Potter . . . . .	1
Mark Whitney . . . . .	1	Mathew Stanley . . . . .	1
Nethaniel Gibbs . . . . .	1	Abraham Colbe . . . . .	1
Isaac Gibbs . . . . .	1	Sampson Colbe . . . . .	2
John Jones Ju <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	1	Isaac Chanler Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	1
Benjamin Godard . . . . .	1	John Burbank . . . . .	1
Eleazar Howard . . . . .	1	Caleb Burbank . . . . .	1

John and James Nutt . . . . .	1	Samuel Eastman . . . . .	1
Daniel Mellen . . . . .	1	Peter How Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	2
James Lock . . . . .	1	Enoch Estman . . . . .	2
David Woodwell . . . . .	1	Stephen Hoit . . . . .	1
Nethaniel Chanlers Heir <sup>s</sup> . . . . .	1	Isaac Whitney . . . . .	1
James Chadwick Heir <sup>s</sup> . . . . .	1	Enoch and Ezra Hoit . . . . .	1
Samuel Osgood . . . . .	1	Deacon Henry Mellen . . . . .	3
Daniel and John Annes . . . . .	2	Tho <sup>s</sup> Walker . . . . .	1
Aaron Kimbal . . . . .	1	Thomas Mellen . . . . .	4
John Chadwick . . . . .	2	Isaac Chanler . . . . .	1
Tho <sup>s</sup> Eastman . . . . .	1	Joseph Eastman Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	1

Nov<sup>r</sup> 1762

In Testimony of what is within written we have hereunto Sub-  
scribed our Names

Henry Mellen  
Thomas Walker  
Tho<sup>s</sup> Mellen

Com<sup>tee</sup>

Gerrishs Rights

Jos: Gerrish . . . . .	1	Sam <sup>l</sup> Bailey . . . . .	1
James Allen . . . . .	1	Stephen Emery . . . . .	1
Jos: Gerrish Ju <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	1	Henry Kingsberry . . . . .	1
John Chandler . . . . .	1	Nicholas Cheney . . . . .	1
Sam <sup>l</sup> Sweet Ju <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	1		

Sam<sup>l</sup> Gerrish Jun<sup>r</sup> Yeoman

[Petition of Stephen Batson, 1768.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 77.]

Province of } To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Proprieteres of Masons Patent in  
New Hampsheir } said Province—

The Humble Petichion of Stephen Batson of New Castle in the  
Province aforesaid sheweth—

That your Petitioner was entitled to a Grantors Sheare or Right  
of land in the town of New Hopkinton in said Province it being a  
Gift to your Pertitioners Wife by her late Farther Nath<sup>l</sup> Meserve  
Esc<sup>r</sup> Deceas<sup>d</sup> or by his last Will and Testament will fully appear—

That your petitioner is informed that since the death of the said  
Nath<sup>l</sup> you have sold or Outherwise dispoed of the said Township of  
New Hopkinton by which means your petitioner is excluded & en-  
tierly deprived of his land in said township therefore he humbly  
prays that you would be pleased to take his Case under Considera-  
shion and make him such Compensation in or Otherwise as shall be

adaquate to the damage he has sustained and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

New Castle August 24<sup>th</sup> 1768

¶ Stephen Batson—

[*Petition of Enoch Bartlett, 1784.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 78.*]

To Mess<sup>rs</sup> George Jaffrey Esq<sup>r</sup> And others Grantees To John Tuffen Mason Esq<sup>r</sup>—

Whereas You Many Years Ago Made a Grant and Assignment to James McHard Esq<sup>r</sup> and Timothy Clements of a tract of lands that by Mistake were Included in the township of Wear for which you proposed to give other lands Equivalent And did afterward Assign to the Said McHard More than 1000 Acres of land in Hopkinton—

I having Many Years Ago Made a purchase of Said Clements Right requested the Said grantees to Choose a Com<sup>tee</sup> with whom I might treat respecting the Surrender of Said Lands And of An Equivalent—and of the payment of Said Clements Bond—on which M<sup>r</sup> Jaffrey And M<sup>r</sup> Moffett were Appointed and that Soon after that Appointment M<sup>r</sup> Moffet remov<sup>d</sup> to the West Indies—and As I expected his return And by reason of Defficult times I have Never Apply<sup>d</sup> for a Com<sup>tee</sup> or a hearing on the affair

I therefore Now request that you will Again in your Next Meeting Choose a Com<sup>tee</sup> with whom I May treat respecting lands and S<sup>d</sup> Bond In Case I Shall not attend You in Your Meeting

Sept<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1784

Enoch Bartlet

[*Walter Bryent's Report.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 79.*]

there is in newhopkinton as planed according to the number of miles there Laid Down 2460 acres of Land more then the Contents of Six miles Square and there is an angle of two Degrees Difference between the Course of Rumford Claims & S<sup>d</sup> newhopkinton which makes more then 450 acres ungranted Laying between Said towns

Walter Bryent

[*Minutes of Conditions of Grant of Hopkinton.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 79*]

Province of New Hampshier  
Number of Grantees and Associates 70

Reservation of one fifth  
 free from Charge  
 ministers Share  
 ministry Share  
 School Share  
 Reservation of a Saw mil Priviledge  
 Thirty Families in three years  
 Sixty Families in Seven years  
 a Meeting Hous to be Built in three years  
 a minister Settled in Seven years  
 Pine Trees Reserved for his majesty  
 A Plan of the Land to be Sent—  
 Delinquent Share to be forfeited  
 In Case of an Indian War further Time to be allowed—  
 If Bow Takes of any then  
 To vouch in the Grantors in Case  
   marginall Contents of the Lord Propriators Grant of New Hop-  
 kinton—  
   the mill to be Built in Two years tho not So fully Sett forth in the  
 margent

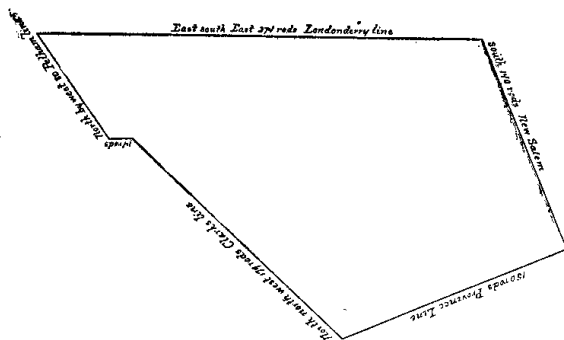
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 HUDSON.

[This was a part of the Old Dunstable grant, and was afterwards included in the limits of Nottingham. Incorporated as *Nottingham West* July 5, 1746. The name was changed to Hudson July 1, 1830. The southwest part of Londonderry was annexed March 6, 1778. The line with Londonderry was established June 28, 1857, and the line with Windham July 2, 1862.

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 193, 416; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 273; Index to Laws, 251, 410; sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 457; papers under title Dunstable; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 187; Hudson Soldiers in the War of the Revolution, by Kimball Webster, 1888, pp. 7.]

[*Plan of Land between Londonderry and the Province Line, 1773.*]



The Content of this Plan is two hundred and twenty acres and 131 Rods made by the scale of 30 rods to an inch By  
 Windham May 17<sup>th</sup> 1773 James Betton

N: B The above is a plan of a piece of Land Lying Between the line of Londonderry and the Province line Belonging to the Masonian Propriety taken at the Request of Will<sup>m</sup> Smith

[*Vote of Proprietors about Land in Hudson, 1774.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 80.]

April 6<sup>th</sup> 1774 At a Proprietors meeting, upon the Application of Jn<sup>o</sup> Bodwell & W<sup>m</sup> Eliot for a tract of vacant land in Nottingham West ab<sup>t</sup> 500 Acres—it is resolved that the Said tract of land shall not be disposed of by the Proprietors till the last of may next and if they appear then to have y<sup>e</sup> preemption if they will give as much another person

May 31<sup>st</sup> 1774 Jn<sup>o</sup> Bodwell appeared to make Some offer for y<sup>e</sup> above and it was mentiond to take a dollar <sup>per</sup> Acre—and he wos to return an answer in a month from this date and in y<sup>e</sup> mean time the premises wer not to be disposed of—





[*Memoranda about Land in Hudson, 1774.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 80.]

Mem<sup>o</sup> M<sup>r</sup> John Bodwell of (Methuen) in the Province of Massachusetts Bay, Desires the offer of three Tracts of Land in the Township of (Nottingham West) he also Desires they would Consider of the lowest Price they would take for the abovementioned three Tracts of Land, & reserve the same till he comes down again, which will be, by their second Meeting.—

Septem<sup>r</sup> 22<sup>a</sup> 1774—

Write M<sup>r</sup> John Bowdwell and Direct the Letter at Mathewing in the Massachusetts

Memorandum to Consult M<sup>r</sup> Pickring Wether their Can be any Alteration in the Grant of Pelham and Write to M<sup>r</sup> Josiah Gage Jun<sup>r</sup> of Pelham the Opinion of M<sup>r</sup> Pickring—

William Elliot and Will<sup>a</sup> Gibson Desire the Offer of Two more Lots of Land in Nottingham West. being Two Lots out of the Above Mentiond Three Lots Requested by John Bodwell

[*Memorandum of William Gibson's Application, 1774.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 81.]

M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Gibson of Dunstable desires Mason's Proprietors to take under Consideration the situation of 200 acres of Land situated in Nottingham West within their Claim, he will give 2 Dollars p<sup>r</sup> acre with these Conditions that if he cannot hold said Land, then to refund the Money again

N B he apply'd Decem<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>a</sup> 1774.

## JAFFREY.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, Nov. 30, 1749, to Jonathan Hubbard and others, and variously known as *Monadnock No. 2*, *Middle Monadnock*, and *Middletown*. The grant was renewed March 13, 1767. Incorporated as Jaffrey Aug. 17, 1773, and named in honor of George Jaffrey.

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volume; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 429; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 291; Index to Laws, 262; History, by D. B. Cutter, 1881, pp. 648; sketch, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 220; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 204; Historical Address, by Joel Parker, 1873, centennial celebration; Universalism in America, by Richard Eddy, 1886, Vol. 1, p. 171; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 272, 274.]

[*Grant of Jaffrey, 1749.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 82, and Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 92.]

Province of } PURSUANT to the Power and Authority Granted  
 New Hamps' } and Vested in me by the Proprietors of Lands Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> In the Province of New Hampshire by their Vote Passed at their Meeting held at Portsmouth in Said Province, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 1749 I Do by these Presents on the Terms and limitations Hereafter Express'd give and Grant all the Right Possession and Property of the Proprietors aforesaid unto Jonathan Hubbard Oliver Farwell Tho<sup>s</sup> March Elias Eliot, James Stewart, John Kendell Joseph Blanchard Jun<sup>r</sup> Barnabas Davis Will<sup>m</sup> Rindge Peter Powers Eleaz<sup>r</sup> Blanchard—Paul March, Tho<sup>s</sup> Parker Jun<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>n</sup> Bellows, Sampson Stoddard, Daniel Emerson, Josiah Brown Stephen March, Benj<sup>n</sup> Winn, John Scott, Sam<sup>l</sup> Garish, John Hart, John Chamberlin, Joseph Winn Jun<sup>r</sup> Joseph Blodget Jun<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Cumings, Matthew Thornton, John Butterfield, Will<sup>m</sup> Garish Nath<sup>l</sup> Pierce Jonath<sup>n</sup> Cumings, John Usher, Joseph French, Peleg Lawrence, Isaac Williams, David Adams, David Willson, Randall McDaniel, Robert Fletcher Jun<sup>r</sup> Joseph Emerson—To the Said Joseph Blanchard Jun<sup>r</sup> Three Shares, to the Said James Stewart Two Shares, to Peter Powers Four Shares to Benj<sup>n</sup> Bellows two Shares to Jonath<sup>n</sup> Hubbard Three Shares, to Josiah Brown two Shares, The others aforesaid one Share Each, of in or to that Tract of Land or Township Called the Middle Menadnock or N 2—Bounded as followeth beginning at the South West Corner of Petersborough Slip, So Called, from thence, Running North Eighty deg<sup>s</sup> West Seven Miles to a Hemlock Tree Marked, from thence Running North by the Needle five Miles to a Hemlock Tree Mark'd, from thence Running South Eighty deg<sup>s</sup> East Seven Miles to a Beach Tree Mark'd, in the West Line of Peterborough, from thence South by the Needle to the first Bounds Mention'd—TO HAVE AND TO HOLD to them their Heirs and Assigns, Excepting as aforesaid, and on the following terms and Conditions (that is to Say) that the whole tract of land be divided into Seventy One Equall Shares, and that Each Share Contain three Lotts Equitably Coupled together, and drawn for at Dunstable—at or before the first day of July Next in Some Equitable Manner—That three of the aforesaid Shares be granted and Appropriated free of all Charge, one for the first Settled Minister in Said Township one for the Support of the Ministry, and one for the School there forever—one lott for Each Said three Shares to be first laid out in the Most Convenient place Near the Middle of Said Town,

and lotts Coupled to them, So as not to be drawn for that Eighteen of the Said Shares, be Reservd for the Grantors of the Premises, their Heirs and Assigns forever, and Aquited from all duty and Charge Untill improved by the Owner or Some Holding [under] them Respectively, that the other Owners of the Said Rights Make Settlements at their Own Expencc in the following Manner Viz All the Lotts to be laid out at the Grantees Expencc, that all the lotts in Said Township be subjected to have all Necessary Roads lay'd out thre them free from Charge as Hereafter there Shall be Occasion—That within Four Years from the date hereof Forty of the Rights or Shares, belonging to the aforementioned Grantees Viz Oliver Farwell Thomas March, Elias Eliot, John Kendall Barnabas Davis, Paul March, Sampson Stoddard Stephen March John Scott Sam<sup>l</sup> Garish John Hart John Chamberlain Joseph Winn Jun<sup>r</sup> Joseph Blodgett Jun<sup>r</sup> Samuel Cumings Matthew Thornton Will<sup>m</sup> Garish Nath<sup>l</sup> Peirce Isaac Williams, David Willson—Rand<sup>l</sup> McDaniel Robert Fletcher Jun<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Cumings John Usher Joseph French Peleg Lawrence Joseph Emerson—One Settlement Each Josiah Brown two Shares, Benj<sup>n</sup> Bellows two Shares, James Stewart two Shares, Jonathan Hubbard three Shares Peter Powers two Shares, Daniel Emerson & Thomas Parker one Settlement Each—Be Enter'd upon and three Acres of Land at the Least Cleared inclosed and fitted for Mowing or Tillage, and that within the term of Six Months, then Next Coming there be on Each of the Said forty Shares a house Built, the Room Sixteen feet Square at the least, fitted and furnished for Comfortable dwelling therein and Some Persons Resident therein, and Continue Inhabitancy and Residence there for three Years then Next Coming with the Additionall Improvement as aforesaid of two Acres Each Year for Each Setler—That Each of the Said Grantees at the Executing this Instrument pay twenty Pounds Old Ten<sup>r</sup> to defray the Necessary Charges, Risen and arising in Said Township to be deposited in the hands of Such Persons as the Grantees Shall Chuse being a free holder and Resident in the Province of New Hampshire aforesaid, That a good Convenient Meeting House be Built in Said Township as near the Center of the Town as may be with Convenience—Within Six Years from this date and Ten Acres of Land Reserve'd for Publick Uses—

That the aforesaid Grantees or their Assigns by a Maj<sup>r</sup> Vote In Publick Meetings, Grant and Assess Such further Sums of Money as they Shall think Necessary for Compleating and Carrying forward, the Settlement aforesaid—And any of the Grantees Exclusive of the three Publick lotts, who shall Neglect for the Space of three Month Next Coming after Such Assesment, Shall be granted And Made to

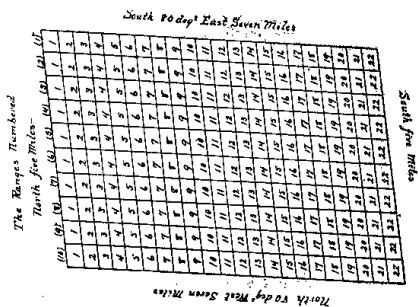
Pay the Same, So much of Such Delinquents Right Respectively Shall or may be Sold, as will pay the Tax and all Charges arising thereon—by a Committee of the Grantees appointed for that Purpose—That all White Pine trees fit for Masting his Majestys Royall Navy Growing on Said Tract of Land, be and hereby are granted to his Majesty his Heirs and Successors for Ever—And in Case any of the Grantees Shall Neglect, or Refuse to perform any of the Articles aforementioned he Shall forfeit his Share and Right in Said Township And every part and Parcell thereof To those of the Said Grantees that Shall have Complied with the Conditions on their part herein Express'd, And it Shall and may be lawful for them or any person by their Authority to Enter into and upon the Right of Such Delinquent Owner and any and every part thereof in the Name of the Whole of the Settlers that Shall fulfill as aforesaid, and him to amove Oust and expell for their Use their Heirs and Assigns, Provided they Settle or Cause to be Settled Each Such Delinquents Right within the term of one Year at the farthest, from the Period that is by this Instrument Stipulated to be done as the Condition of this Grant, and fully discharge and Comply with the whole duty such delinquent ought to have done, within one Year from time to time, after the Respective Periods thereof and in Case the Said Grantees fulfilling on their part as aforesaid, Shall Neglect fulfilling as aforesaid the duty of any Delinquent Owner, nor he himself perform the Same that then Such Share or Shares, Shall be forfeited Revert and belong to the Grantees, their Heirs and Assigns to be Wholly at their disposal, always Provided there be no Indian War—within any of the terms and Limitations aforesaid, for doing the Duty Conditioned in this grant and in Case that Should happen the Same time to be allowed for the Respective Matters aforesaid, after Such Impediment Should be Removed—Lastly the Said Grantors do hereby Promise to the Said Grantees their Heirs and Assigns, to defend through the Law to the King and Council if Need be, one Action, that Shall or may be brought against them or any Number of them, by any Person or Persons Whatsoever Claiming the Said lands or any part thereof, by any other Title than that of the Said Grantors or that by which they Hold and derive their's from, provided the Said Grantors are avouch'd in to defend, the Same and in Case on Final Tryall the Same Shall be recoverd against the Grantors for the Said Lands Improvements or Expence in Bringing forward the Settlement, the Said Grantees Shall Recover Nothing over, against the Said Grantors, and further that the Said Grantors, will pay the Necessary Expence of time and Money, that any other Person or Persons, Shall be put to by any other Suit or Suits, that Shall or may be brought against them or any

Number of them the Said Grantees—For Tryall of the Title, before one Suit Shall be fully determined in the law, to which Premises Joseph Blanchard Agent for and in behalf of the Said Grantors Have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November in the 23<sup>d</sup> Year of his Majestys Reighn Anno Domini 1749—

Joseph Blanchard [Seal]

A True Copy of the Grant of the Middle Menadnock Township or N 2—Attest  $\text{¶}$  Joseph Blanchard Jun<sup>r</sup> Prop Cl<sup>r</sup>  
 a true Copy Examined attest Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cl—

[Plan of Jaffrey, 1750.]



This is a plan of the Middle Menadnock N 2 Township The Ranges are 160 Rods Wide, and the Lotts, One hundred Rods Wide, and finished laying out the lotts, in May, 1750

Rob<sup>t</sup> Fletcher Jun<sup>r</sup> Surv<sup>r</sup>

A Copy taken from the files of the Proprietors of the Above Township

$\text{¶}$  Joseph Blanchard Prop<sup>r</sup> Cl<sup>r</sup>  
 Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cl

a true Copy Examined attest.

[Proprietors of Jaffrey, 1750.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 83, and Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 98.]

A List of the Proprietors of the Monadnock Township—

	Draught	N <sup>o</sup>	Range	N <sup>o</sup>	Range	N <sup>o</sup>	Range
William Parker Esq <sup>r</sup>	1	12	5	6	8	4	3
Jonathan Hubbard Jun <sup>r</sup>	2	12	4	6	9	2	1
Oliver Farwell	3	12	3	14	1	15	1
Thomas March	4	12	2	13	2	11	2
Ministry Lotts	5	12	6	12	1	12	10
Elias Eliot	6	12	7	3	1	8	2
James Stewart	7	11	7	3	3	20	6
Ministers Lotts	8	11	6	3	2	12	9
John Kendall	9	11	5	1	1	20	7
Joseph Blanchard Jun <sup>r</sup>	10	10	7	4	6	2	2
Barnabas Davis	11	10	6	2	3	22	8
William Rindge	12	10	5	22	7	21	7
Peter Powers	13	9	4	3	6	22	10
Eleazer Blanchard	14	9	6	4	1	16	1
Joseph Blanchard Jun <sup>r</sup>	15	8	6	4	2	21	10
Thomas Packer Esq <sup>r</sup>	16	13	4	6	3	1	3
John Moffatt Esq <sup>r</sup>	17	13	5	1	7	2	5
Paul March	18	13	6	16	8	2	10
Peter Powers	19	13	7	1	10	3	10
John Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup>	20	13	8	19	8	21	9
Thomas Parker, Jun <sup>r</sup>	21	13	9	1	6	12	8
Matthew Livermore Esq <sup>r</sup>	22	19	10	18	10	14	9
Benjamin Bellows	23	14	8	18	9	22	4
Richard Wibird Esq <sup>r</sup>	24	14	6	1	9	11	8
John T. Mason & J <sup>n</sup> s Thomlinson Esq <sup>rs</sup>	25	14	5	17	6	1	4
Sampson Stoddard Esq <sup>r</sup>	26	14	4	17	4	21	4
Daniel Emerson	27	14	3	19	4	17	1
Josiah Browne	28	16	5	20	3	18	3
Stephen March	29	15	3	19	3	10	8
Benjamin Winn	30	15	4	7	7	5	8
John Scott	31	15	5	18	8	18	7
Daniel Peirce & M <sup>rs</sup> Mary Moore	32	15	6	17	7	18	6
Samuel Garish	33	15	7	17	9	17	10
Theodore Atkinson Esq <sup>r</sup>	34	15	8	19	7	10	10
John Hart	35	15	9	2	9	5	3
John Chamberlin	36	15	10	14	10	22	6
Joseph Winn Jun <sup>r</sup>	37	16	10	19	9	13	1
Sam <sup>l</sup> Solly & Clem <sup>t</sup> March Esq <sup>rs</sup>	38	16	9	19	6	20	8

	Draught	N <sup>o</sup>	Range	N <sup>o</sup>	Range	N <sup>o</sup>	Range
George Jaffrey . . . . .	39	16	7	17	8	10	2
Joseph Blanchard Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	40	16	6	5	10	13	10
Joseph Blodgett Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	41	15	5	17	5	22	5
Samuel Cumings . . . . .	42	16	4	7	3	8	3
School Lotts . . . . .	43	16	3	14	2	11	10
Matthew Thornton Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	44	16	2	7	6	11	1
Mark H <sup>s</sup> Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	45	17	2	9	3	19	2
John Butterfield . . . . .	46	20	2	9	5	21	5
Josiah Brown . . . . .	47	18	2	11	3	8	10
William Garish . . . . .	48	19	5	20	5	1	2
Nathaniel Peirce . . . . .	49	7	5	4	5	4	9
Jotham Odiorne Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	50	7	4	8	4	21	8
Peter Powers . . . . .	51	6	4	5	5	21	6
Benjamin Bellows . . . . .	52	6	5	3	5	5	7
Joshua Peirce . . . . .	53	6	6	22	9	9	1
Jonathan Cumings . . . . .	54	7	9	19	10	9	2
John Usher . . . . .	55	7	10	6	10	13	3
Jonathan Hubbard Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	56	9	7	9	10	18	5
Joseph French . . . . .	57	9	8	9	9	10	1
Peter Powers . . . . .	58	10	3	3	7	18	1
Peleg Lawrence . . . . .	59	8	7	10	9	2	4
Isaac Williams . . . . .	60	8	8	7	8	17	3
David Addams . . . . .	61	8	9	4	10	11	9
James Stewart . . . . .	62	5	9	3	8	5	6
Nathaniel Meserve Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	63	2	7	2	6	5	4
David Willson . . . . .	64	2	8	1	8	6	7
John Rindge . . . . .	65	21	2	10	4	3	9
Randall McDaniel . . . . .	66	22	1	21	1	20	9
Jonathan Hubbard Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	67	22	2	10	7	20	4
Joseph Blanchard . . . . .	68	22	3	14	7	4	7
Robert Fletcher Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	69	21	3	11	4	4	8
Joseph Emerson . . . . .	70	3	4	4	4	20	10
Thomas Wallingford Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	71	8	5	1	5	18	4

A True Copy of the List of the Proprietors of Menadnock Township Number two with the Number of Lotts belonging to Each Proprietor as drawn on them the first Tuesday of June 1750—Attest  
 a true Copy Examined attest  
 Joseph Blanchard Jun<sup>r</sup> Prop<sup>r</sup> Cl<sup>k</sup>  
 Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>r</sup> Cl—

[*Vote of Acceptance by Grantees of Jaffrey, 1752.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 84.]

Whereas Joseph Blanchard Esq<sup>r</sup> for and in the Name and behalf of the Proprietors of the Lands in the Province of New Hampshire Purchased by them of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup>, Who Sold to them Under the Title Made to them by a Common Recovery did on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 1749, Grant the Contents of Twenty two Thousand Two Hundred Acres, part of Said Lands, Bounded as followeth— Beginning, at the South West Corner of Petersborough Slip, So Called, From thence running North Eighty degrees West Seven Miles to a Hemlock Tree marked, from thence Running North by the Needle five Miles to a Hemlock Tree Marked, from thence running South Eighty degrees East Seven Miles to a Beech Tree Marked, in the West Line of Petersborough, from thence South by the Needle to the first Bounds Mentioned, Under Certain Conditions Limitations, and Reservations, in Said Grant Mentioned as by Said Grant Reference thereto will fully Appear, Unto Jonath<sup>n</sup> Hubbard Oliver Farwell, Thomas March, Elias Elliot, James Stewart, John Kendell Joseph Blanchard Jun<sup>r</sup>, Barnabas Davis, William Rindge, Peter Powers, Eleazer Blanchard, Paul March, Thomas Parker Jun<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>n</sup> Bellows, Sampson Stoddard, Daniel Emerson, Josiah Brown, Stephen March, Benj<sup>n</sup> Winn, John Scott, Sam<sup>l</sup> Garish, John Hart, John Chamberlain, Joseph Winn Jun<sup>r</sup>, Joseph Blodget Jun<sup>r</sup> Samuel Cummings, Matthew Thornton, John Butterfield, William Garish, Nathan<sup>l</sup> Peirce, Jonathan Cumings, John Usher, Joseph French, Peleg Lawrence, Isaac Williams, David Adams, David Willson, Randall M<sup>c</sup> Daniel, Robert Fletcher Jun<sup>r</sup>, Joseph Emerson—Therefore Unanimously Voted that we do hereby Accept Said Title and for ourselves Our Heirs and Assigns Acknowledge that we do Hold Said Lands Under Said Title, Conditions and Limitations, with the Reservations Therein Mentioned—

Extract from the votes of the Proprietors, Grantees of the Township, Called Menadnock N<sup>o</sup> Two, or Middle Menadnock Passed at their Meeting the fourth day of August 1752—

Copy Examined ☞

a true Copy Examined Attest

Joseph Blanchard Prop<sup>r</sup> Cl<sup>k</sup>

Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>r</sup> Cl—



[*Petition of Matthew Thornton, 1767.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 85.]

To the Purchasers of the Lands Contained in the Patent of John Tufton Mason Esq. in the province of New Hampshire Mathew Thornton Esq. Agent for & in Behalf of the Grantees of the New Township Called Middle Manadnock, in said Province, Granted by Joseph Blanchard Esq. Agent for the said Purchassers Shews, that the Grantees of the aforesaid Town Ship, by Reason, of the Absence of their Clark Who Keapt all their Records, have had no Legal Meetings, Could not Raise Taxes Necessary to forward, & Compleat the Settlement, agreeable to the Gra[n]t. Therefore in the Capacity aforesaid in Behalf of the Grantees aforesaid, I Humbly pray, That Two years may be added to the time Mentioned in the Charter of said Township, that the Grantees may be able to Compleat the Settlement of said Township, also that the said Grantees may be Directed & Impowered to Hold Legal Meeting for the purposes aforesaid, all which is Humbly Submitted, ¶

Portsmouth  
March, 13<sup>th</sup>, A D 1767.—

Mathew Thornton Agent for the  
Grantees of Middle Manadnock

[*Charter Renewed, 1767.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, March 13, 1767.]

Province of } Portsmouth March 13<sup>th</sup> 1767 Fryday ten of the  
New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> } Clock beforenoon at the Dwelling house of James  
Stoodly Esq<sup>r</sup> Innholder—the Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Matthew Thornton Esq<sup>r</sup> for & in Behalf of the Grantees of the Township called the Middle Monadnock by his Petition of this date, having represented that the said Grantees were prevented having legal Meetings to vote & raise necessary Taxes for forwarding & compleating the Settlement of said Township by the Absence of their Propriety-Clerk, & praying two Years from this Date may be added for compleating the Settlement of said Township—Upon Consideration of said Petition, the Proprietors being willing to Encourage the said Grantees in their Endeavours to make the Settlement they undertake—Therefore—

Voted that the Prayer of the Petition above-mentioned be & hereby is Granted, & that the said Grantees of the Township called middle Manadnock, have two Years time from this Day to finish & compleat the Settlement of said Township agreeable to the Terms & Conditions

of their Grant of said Township made by Joseph Blanchard Esq<sup>r</sup> in Behalf of said Proprietors—

[*Petition of John Grout, 1769.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 86.*]

To the Proprietors of the Right of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> of that tract of Land Lying in the province of New Hampshire known by the Name of the Mason Grant Humbly sheweth that John Grout your petitioner eleven years past moved into the Township called Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> two in s<sup>d</sup> Grant & for conveniency of Settlement purchased a House then already built with some improvements Made by Moses Stickney on Lott N<sup>o</sup> twelve in the ninth Range Drawn in the Right of the first settled minister have Continued thereon have made Larger improvements thereon to a Comfortable inheritance—

your petitioner therefore Humbly moves that he may be quieted on s<sup>d</sup> Lott giving another in exchange therefor equal in Situation & goodness so that the Minister Right be not Lessened nor Hurt or other-ways to be Releived and quieted on the premisses as the Hon<sup>ble</sup> proprietors shall think fit and as in Duty bound shall ever pray

February 14 1769

John Grout

[*Petition of Gilmore Brothers, 1769.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 87.*]

Middel me Monadnick N 2 March y<sup>e</sup> 10 : 1769

Gentlman Grant Tors Brother and I Bought ye Right that was Paul March January Sixtey Eaight And Upon Seaid Right Wee have Goot Twentey Ackers of Land Cleared on Seaid Right and his Goot ye Timber for Hoss and Wee Entend to Rais it This Mounth and Gentlman wee Beg y<sup>e</sup> faver of you as you ar men of Honnor that you Would Not Hurt Us in Ouer Entrest for wee have don Ever Thinge In ouer power to Bring forward y<sup>e</sup> Settlement of This Place—

John Gillmore  
Roger Gilmore

[*Petition of John Grout, 1769.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 88.*]

To the proprietors of the Right of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> Humbly Sheweth—

That John Grout your Hon<sup>rs</sup> petitioner has Lived Constantly in a place called the middle Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> two for more than the Space of eleven years with a Large Family about three years whereof was alone having no other family in S<sup>d</sup> place my Rodes to cut out & improve at my own Cost attended with Hardships too many to be here set forth I have improved & Supported my family by improving on a Lot drawn in the Right of the first Settled minister near the outside of sd township have been using means to exchange the same for another Lot of my own as good and Convenient as that have had no Success therein am in great danger of Loosing all my Labor done thereon to the utter Ruining of my Self & family except the same be Secured to me speedily by the Compassionate care & interposition of the proprietors aforesd

I would further beg leave to Lay before the Hon<sup>ble</sup> proprietors the State of the Settlement of S<sup>d</sup> Township in a Scheedule annexed wherein it appears that many Rights are altogether Delinquent & Others Delinquent in part as appears by the annexed and as your Honers petitioner through many Hardships has upon his own Cost bin the first & principle Settler there & done that Service there which Delinquents ought to have done & as he has a Large family sufficient to Settle every delinquent Right your petitioner would humbly move that the same be granted to him for that purpose

and as in Duty bound shall ever pray

March 15<sup>th</sup> 1769

John Grout

[Condition of Settlements in Jaffrey, 1769.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 89.]

Settlers on free Lotts in Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 2

1th on the first draught family mneal	1
5th on the fifth draught family hale—	1
8th on the eighth draught family Grout	1
20th on the twentieth two families Smiley & Hop <sup>r</sup> —	2
22 on the twenty Second family wright—	1
29 <sup>th</sup> on the 29 <sup>th</sup> three Settlers two families above measure	2
71. on 71 draught a family nicholds—	1

Families 9

Settlers that abide Constantly &c on Settling Rights

6th on 6th draught a family Gilmore—	1
7th on 7th two families organ & wallas—	2

11th draught family Taggott—	1
13th draught family Davis—	1
15th draught family Hunt—	1
18th Settler constantly no house much work done Gilmore—	1
26th draught family mcAlister—	1
28th a family turner w <sup>m</sup> —	1
29th a family turner Sol—	1
42 draught family Little—	1
44th a family walker—	1
47th a Constant Settler no house Grout—	1
48th a family Borland—	1
51st a family swan—	1
59th a Settler—Hogg—	1
60th a Settler—wid Henderson—	1
66th a Settler Jos Turner—	1
69th a Settler Davidson—	1
56th a Settler Harper—	1
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23 draught a Settler improvemen <sup>t</sup> &c F Wright—	20
	1
	<hr/>
	21
70th Draught purchased by my self & expected } to exchange one Lot for the minister Lot upon } which I now Dwell & have done thereon more } than Several Duties }	1
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	22
31 draught family &c Caldwell—	1
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The above s <sup>d</sup> Settles 22 Rights from 40	23
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Remains 18	
ten more are priviledged 10	
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some beginings on Settling rights &c	
on Second Draught Some work Rie Sowd Mitchel—	1
3 <sup>d</sup> Draught Some work Rie Raised house frame &c Homes—	1
19th Some work done about ten Load of Hay cut yearly &c gilmore—	1
21 draught improvements sufficient wright & gilmore	1
30th improvements Little—	1

41 draught meadow fenced on 17-5 Saw mill built on }	
22 in 5 by Davidson meadow fenced by turner Jos }	1
49 a few days cutting trees Glover—	1
62 Some cutting down on Lot No 5 in 6 Range Hunter—	1
67th Some work on all the Lotts Turners & Homes—	1
4 draught Some cutting down mitchel—	1
	10

The aforesd is a true account of the Settling Rights in Middle Monadnock N° two Cearfully examined &c & Humbly Submitted by us Subscribers & Inhabitance

John Grout  
Roger Gilmore

[*Reuben Kidder's Judgment*, 1769.]

[*Masonian Papers*, Vol. 6, p. 90.]

Monodnock n° 2 July 21 1769

To the Honerabel George Jaffer Esq<sup>r</sup>  
on Reciving a Later from your self Desiring me to go and Satel the Afair between M<sup>r</sup> John Grout the Propritors of monodnock N° 2 I have ben this Day vewed the Lots My Judgment is that mr Grout Give a Deed to the Propritors of the Lot N° 4 in the 4 Rang and 30 acors of the Est Side of the Lot N° 3 in the 4 Range in Exchang for the Lot N° 12 in 9 Rang

Reuben Kidder

In Compliance With y<sup>e</sup> above Judgment We y<sup>e</sup> Subscribers a Committee for y<sup>e</sup> Propriators of y<sup>e</sup> above mentioned township Have Rec<sup>d</sup> a Deed of mr Grout of y<sup>e</sup> above mentioned Land and Pray for Di-rections from your Hon<sup>r</sup> how that mr Grout Shall have his title &c—

John Gillmore  
Alex<sup>r</sup> McNeall  
John Harper

[*Inhabitants of Jaffrey to Proprietors*, 1769.]

[*Masonian Papers*, Vol. 6, p. 91.]

to Colo. Atkison Esq<sup>r</sup>

Sir We thought it Our duty to inform Your Honnours that Ruben Kidder Esq<sup>r</sup> Came According to Your Honours Apointment at Your Proprietors Metting to Vew and Vallue the Lot that John Grout Lives Upon (Viz) the Ministers Lot and Likewise the Land that the said Grout was willing to Give for the Said Lot and the Land that

the Said Kidder Excepted of Lyeth Upon the Side of the Monadnock Mouton Which is Not fit for a Settlemnt and We the Subscribers is Not Willing to Accept of it and Prays Your honour Not to Let it Go that Way the Above Said John Grout has had A Leash of the Said Ministers Land these twelve Years past And s<sup>d</sup> Least is good Untill there is a Settled Minister in this Place the Said Grout Sayeth that he hath five Lots in this town Ship But he Would Give no Other But that Mountan Land And will have it for that Land Which We Look Upon Nixt to Nothing and Prays Your Honour Would Either Let it Stand for A Minister or Other wise Give Land as Good

Sir No More But Would take Leve to Subscribe our Selves Your Honours Humble Servents

Middle Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 2 November y<sup>e</sup> 7: A D 1769

Silas Russell	william mitchell	William Turner
thomas Turner	John Borland	thomas daveson
Solomon torner	Amos orgon	Robart homs
robert win	Joseph turner	Mathew Wright
Matthew Wallace	John Swan	George Wallace
William Smiley	Alex <sup>r</sup> m <sup>e</sup> neall	James Caldwell Se <sup>r</sup>
Thomas Caldwell	John Little	William Cristey
James Caldwell Ju <sup>r</sup>	Francis Wright	

[*Petition of John Grout, 1770.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 92.*]

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the proprietors of the Right of John Tufton Mason Esq Humbly sheweth that your petitioner John Grout for above twelve years Last past has improved & Supported himself & Large Family in Middleton or Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> two on Lott N<sup>o</sup> 12 in the 9 Range Drawn in the Right of the first settled minister & was the first Settler in S<sup>d</sup> Township for about three years of said Time under many Hardships & Difficulties too many to be here enumerated an exchange has been many times proposed for my Releaf & not perfected also your petitioner has been exercised with Long & Costly sickness & not now able to come to Porthm<sup>o</sup> in march Last the Consideration of the proposed Exchange was Reffered to Ruben Kidder Esq who as I am informed has Reported thereon & my Compliance therewith Completed as may appear in your Clerks office your petitioner therefore Humbly prays his case may come under Consideration as soon as may be least being put off till the times be changed there be no Remiedy & as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c

March 5 1770

John Grout

[*Account of Settlements in Jaffrey, 1770.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 93.]

an Accompt of the Settlements in monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 2 in y<sup>e</sup> Province of New Hampshire

- 1 Dra<sup>t</sup> William Parker Esqr Settled by Alexander m<sup>c</sup>neil
- 2 Dra<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Hubbard Jun<sup>r</sup> Settled by William mitchel
- 3 Dra<sup>t</sup> olliver Farewell Settled by Robart Holms
- 4 Dra<sup>t</sup> Thomas March—
- 5 Dra<sup>t</sup> ministry Right—
- 6 Dra<sup>t</sup> Elias Eliot Settled by John Gilmore
- 7 Dra<sup>t</sup> James Stuart two Lotts Settled by organ and Warllace
- 8 Dra<sup>t</sup> minester Right—
- 9 Dra<sup>t</sup> John Kindle—
- 10 Dra<sup>t</sup> Joseph Blanchard Jun<sup>r</sup> priviledg Right—one Lott Improved by Robart Holms
- 11 Dra<sup>t</sup> Barnabas Davis Settled by munroe and fitch
- 12 Dra<sup>t</sup> William Rindge—
- 13 Dra<sup>t</sup> Peter Powers Settled by Daniel Davis
- 14 Dra<sup>t</sup> Eliezer Blanchard priviledg Right—one Lott Improved by James Nickels
- 15 Dra<sup>t</sup> Joseph Blanchard Jun<sup>r</sup> Settled by Ephraim Hunt and mills on y<sup>e</sup> Same
- 16 Dra<sup>t</sup> Thomas Packer Esq<sup>r</sup>—
- 17 Dra<sup>t</sup> John Moffatt Esq<sup>r</sup>—one Lott Improved by Robart Wier
- 18 Dra<sup>t</sup> Paul March Settled by Roger Gilmore
- 19 Dra<sup>t</sup> Peter Powers priviledge Right one Lott Improved by Roger Gilmore
- 20 Dra<sup>t</sup> John Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> Settled by William Smiley
- 21 Dra<sup>t</sup> Thomas Parker jun<sup>r</sup> Largely Improved by Wright and Gilmore
- 22 Dra<sup>t</sup> matthew Livermore Esq<sup>r</sup> Settled by matthew Wright
- 23 Dra<sup>t</sup> Benjamin Bellows Esq<sup>r</sup> Settled by Francis Wright
- 24 Dra<sup>t</sup> Richard Wibard Esq<sup>r</sup> one Lott Improved by Joseph Caldwell
- 25 Dra<sup>t</sup> John Tufton mason Esq<sup>r</sup> Settled by William Hodge
- 26 Dra<sup>t</sup> Samson Stodard Settled by And<sup>w</sup> m<sup>c</sup>Allester
- 27 Dra<sup>t</sup> Daniel Emerson Settled by James Nickels
- 28 Dra<sup>t</sup> Josiah Brown Settled by William Turner
- 29 Dra<sup>t</sup> Stephen march three Lotts Settled Cristy Russell and Turner  
     < one being ment for Cummins Right 54<sup>th</sup> Dra<sup>t</sup>
- 30 Dra<sup>t</sup> Benjamin Winn priviledge Right a barn & Improved

- 31 Dra<sup>t</sup> John Scott Settled by James Caldwell Jun<sup>r</sup>
- 32 Dra<sup>t</sup> Peirce and Moor—
- 33 Dra<sup>t</sup> Samuel Garrish Settled by Jonathan Hopkinson
- 34 Dra<sup>t</sup> Theoder Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup>—
- 35 Dra<sup>t</sup> John Hart Esq<sup>r</sup>—
- 36 Dra<sup>t</sup> John Chamberlin—
- 37 Dra<sup>t</sup> Joseph Winn Jun<sup>r</sup>—
- 38 Dra<sup>t</sup> Solley and march Esq<sup>r</sup>—one Lott Improved by George War-  
lace
- 39 Dra<sup>t</sup> George Jaffrey Esq<sup>r</sup>—
- 40 Dra<sup>t</sup> Joseph Blanchard Jun<sup>r</sup> priviledge Right
- 41 Dra<sup>t</sup> Joseph Blodget Jun<sup>r</sup> Settled by Thomas Caldwell a Saw mill
- 42 Dra<sup>t</sup> Samuel Cummins Settled by John Little
- 43 Dra<sup>t</sup> School Right—
- 44 Dra<sup>t</sup> matthew Thornton Esq<sup>r</sup> Settled by Thomas Walker
- 45 Dra<sup>t</sup> m Hunkin Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup>—
- 46 Dra<sup>t</sup> John Butterfield priviledge Right—
- 47 Dra<sup>t</sup> Josiah Brown—
- 48 Dra<sup>t</sup> William Garrish Settled by John Borland
- 49 Dra<sup>t</sup> Nathaniel peirce Esq<sup>r</sup> Settled by Thomas Emery
- 50 Dra<sup>t</sup> Jonathan odiorne Esq<sup>r</sup>—
- 51 Dra<sup>t</sup> peter powers Settled by John Swan
- 52 Dra<sup>t</sup> Benjamin Bellows Esq<sup>r</sup>—
- 53 Dra<sup>t</sup> Joshua peirce Esq<sup>r</sup>—
- 54 Dra<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Cummins Settled as above mentioned by Solomon  
Turner
- 55 Dra<sup>t</sup> John Usher Settleing Duty Don by Enoch Hale but no  
house
- 56 Dra<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Hubbard Jun<sup>r</sup> Settled by John Harper
- 57 Dra<sup>t</sup> Joseph French Esq<sup>r</sup>—
- 58 Dra<sup>t</sup> peter powers Settled by Jonathan parker privi<sup>e</sup> Right
- 59 Dra<sup>t</sup> peleg Larrance Settled by Joseph Hodge
- 60 Dra<sup>t</sup> Isaac Williams Settled by James Caldwell
- 61 Dra<sup>t</sup> David Adams Settled by Hugh Dunlap
- 62 Dra<sup>t</sup> James Stuart Settleing Duty Doing by David Hunter
- 63 Dra<sup>t</sup> Nathaniel meserve Esq<sup>r</sup>—
- 64 Dra<sup>t</sup> David Wilson—
- 65 Dra<sup>t</sup> John Rindge Esq<sup>r</sup>—
- 66 Dra<sup>t</sup> Randel m<sup>c</sup>Daniel Settled by Joseph Turner
- 67 Dra<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Hubbard Jun<sup>r</sup> Settleing Duty Don by Thomas  
Turner
- 68 Dra<sup>t</sup> Joseph Blanchard Esq<sup>r</sup> Well Improved by Thomas Davidson
- 69 Dra<sup>t</sup> Robart fletcher Jun<sup>r</sup> Settled by John Davidson



70 Dra<sup>t</sup> Joseph Emerson Settled by John Grout  
 71 Dra<sup>t</sup> Thomas Wallensford Esq<sup>r</sup>—

The Rights that appeareth to be Delinquent Are as folloeth viz)

The 4 Dra<sup>t</sup> Thomas March

The 9 Dra<sup>t</sup> John Kindle

The 12 Dra<sup>t</sup> William Rindge

The 35 Dra<sup>t</sup> John Hart Esq<sup>r</sup>

36 Dra<sup>t</sup> John Chamberlin

and 37 Dra<sup>t</sup> Joseph Winn Jun<sup>r</sup>

The 47 Dra<sup>t</sup> Josiah Brown

The 52 Dra<sup>t</sup> Benja<sup>n</sup> Bellows Esq<sup>r</sup>

The 57 Dra<sup>t</sup> Joseph French Esq<sup>r</sup>

and 64 Dra<sup>t</sup> David Wilson

A True Accompt Err<sup>s</sup> Excepted per me

Enoch Hale

[*Andrew McAllister to Joseph Minot, 1772.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 94.*]

S<sup>r</sup> After My Kind Regards to you these may Inform you that I have got a Certifyceat and Drawn a Petition as well as I Could and Would be vary much obliged to you if you Would Cary it to y<sup>e</sup> Lord Proprtors and Lay it Befor them and Represent my Case to them telling them I am A poore Man and Came onto y<sup>e</sup> Land honastly Expecting to have it for Performing Settlement and it may Be that there mercy Will be Plased to Give me the other Lott Belonging to y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Right I Would A Com Down my Selfe and a seen you but I am Not Able for I have not A Dun A days Work this Summer for I have hurt my Selfe Working on this Land and I never Expect to be Well all my days—

S<sup>r</sup> Send me A Line after you have Been at Portsmouth and if I am Able I Will Com and Se you I am very much obliged to you and I Will Satisfy you for your Truble  
 this from your Humble Sar<sup>t</sup>

Andrew M<sup>o</sup>Allaster

N B there is Eight or ten Rights of Land in this town forfeitted and if you had any thoughts of Buying them from y<sup>e</sup> Lord Proprtors I Will Do the utmost of my Power of Informing you Where thy are  
 To M<sup>r</sup> Jonas Minot—

[*Petition of Andrew McAllister, 1772.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 95.]

To the Hon'ble Theadore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> & the other Proprietors of Masons Patant Lying in the Province of Newhampshire the Petition of Andrew m<sup>c</sup>Allaster Who humbly Sheweth that William Morrow of Londonderry Bargened With your Petitioner for to Settle A Right of Land in Monadock N<sup>o</sup> 2 Which Right of Land Was drawn by M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Emorison and promised to Give your Petitioner the Lott N<sup>o</sup> 19 in the 4 Range for doing all y<sup>e</sup> Duty and performing Settlement Which Was in y<sup>e</sup> year 1770 and your Petitioner Buelt a house and Cleared Eight or ten Acres of Land and Performed Settlement According to My Bargan on Said Lott and is now thretned by William Morrow that he will Disposess me of s<sup>d</sup> Land & as I Understand the Right of Land Was forfeited and Belonged to your Hon<sup>rs</sup> Before I Entred in Said Lott your Petitioner therefore Humbly Prays that your honours in your Wisdom and Goodness Would Grant the Said Lott to your Petitioner on terms of Settlement that he may not be Disappointed of his Expecttion nor Turned off his Labour and your Petitioner as in Duty Shall Allway Pray

Andrew M<sup>c</sup>Allaster

Monadock N<sup>o</sup> 2 September y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> day 1772—

[*Certificate in Favor of McAllister, 1772.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 96.]

Monadock N<sup>o</sup> 2 Sep<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 3 day 1772—

These may Certify your Honours that Andrew M<sup>c</sup>Allaster hes Settled the Right of Land that Was Drawn by M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Emorison in Monadock N<sup>o</sup> 2 & there is No other Settler on any of y<sup>e</sup> other Lotts As Witness our hands

Matthew Wallace  
Roger Gilmore  
George Wallace  
Siles Russel—

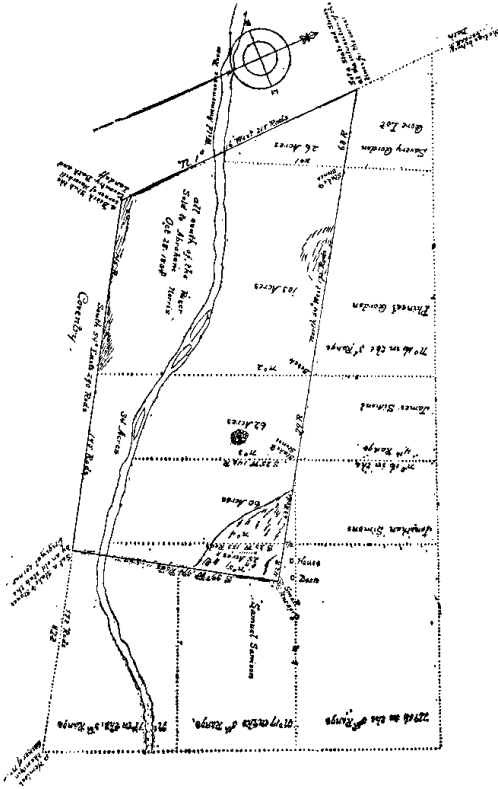
John Stanley  
John Gilmore  
Jonathan Stanley

## LANDAFF.

[Granted Jan. 31, 1764, to James Avery and others. Re granted to Dartmouth College Jan. 19, 1770. Incorporated Nov. 11, 1774. Settlements were made to some extent under the Dartmouth College grant. After the Revolution, the first grantees claimed that the forfeiture was illegal, and by the decision of the courts, the college lost its title. A portion of Lincoln was annexed July 2, 1845. All that part of Landaff northwest of Ammonoosuc River was annexed to Lisbon June 23, 1859. Easton was set off and incorporated July 20, 1876.

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volume; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 464; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 277, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 361; Index to Laws, 277; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 396; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 12; Stevens's Memorials of Methodism, 1852, p. 145; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 581; History of the Administration of the Law in Grafton County, by A. S. Batchellor, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 41; History of Dartmouth College and Hanover, by Frederick Chase, 1891, vol. 1, p. 603; History of Dartmouth College, by B. P. Smith, 1878.]

[Plan of Lot in Landaff, 1819.]



(Copy)

A plan of 388 Acres of land as original laid out for the Governors Lot in the South West corner of Landaff with the adjoining hundred acre Lots round the same which is shewn on the plan by dotted lines also the names of the inhabitants living on the lots is inserted in the tract

he lives on—the parts of the Gov<sup>r</sup> lot under improvement are coloured with red paint—said plan is laid down by a scale of 20 Chains to an inch as surveyed and protracted by me

Signed John M<sup>c</sup>Duffee } County Surveyor for  
 Jan<sup>r</sup> 28, 1819 } Orange County, Vermont

[*Valuation of Governor's Reservation in Landaff, 1819.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 98.]

State of Newhampshire } We the subscribers Selectmen of Lan-  
 Grafton ss } daff in Said County  
 Having ben requested to explore the reservation of Bening Went-  
 worth in said Town have ben on do apprise it as follows  
 lot N<sup>o</sup> 1 \$2.00 per acre South of Savoury Gordon  
 D<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 2 1.75 South of Phineas Gordon  
 D<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 3 2.25 South of James Simonds  
 D<sup>o</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 4 3.00 West of Samuel Sampson  
 fees E Eaton 1 Mos. Webster 1

The above named lots of land all laying on the north side of the river

Eben<sup>r</sup> Eaton  
 Moses Webster

January 30<sup>th</sup> 1819 Mr Ebenezer Eaton & Col Moses Webster sign-  
 ers of the above certificate are Men with whom I am acquainted—  
 they are considered to be men of respectability & Judgment

M. P. Payson  
 Sam<sup>l</sup> Hutchins

[*Offer of Jonathan Simonds, 1819.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 99.]

Landaff Oct 18th 1819

for the lot of sixty acres of land lying South of my farm lying on the north side of the river I will give three dollars and thirty fore cents per acre and make pay in fore years from the time I may come in possession of the same with interest I will pay in grass seede grain or neat stock

Jonathan Simonds

[*Offer of Phineas Gordon, 1819.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 99.*]

Landaff Oct 18th 1819

for the land lying south of my farm from my east line to the river which is a part of the governors farm so called I will give two dollars per acre and will make pay in fore years or will leave it to S<sup>r</sup> Webster to chose three men to prise said land and take it at their prisal  
Phinehas Gordon

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### LYNDEBOROUGH.

[Granted by Massachusetts June 19, 1735, to Capt. Samuel King and others, and called *Salem-Canada*. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors Dec. 5, 1753, to Benjamin Lynde and others, and named Lyndeborough in honor of Benjamin Lynde. Incorporated April 23, 1764. A portion of the town, with other territory, was incorporated as Greenfield June 15, 1791. Another portion was annexed to Temple, June 11, 1796. The northeasterly part was annexed to Mont Vernon Jan. 5, 1853. A tract from the southerly side was annexed to Milford June 27, 1873.

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 535; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 509; Index to Laws, 301; sketch, by David C. Grant, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 498; Historical Address, 150th Anniversary, 1889, by Frank G. Clarke, 1891, pp. 68; Proceedings of 150th Anniversary, mss., in possession of W. H. Grant, St. Paul, Minn.; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 19; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 192; The First Settlers, by J. Clark, 21, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 277; Materials for a History, 8, *id.*, 94; manuscripts in possession of W. H. Grant, St. Paul, Minn.]

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[*John Shepard's Power of Attorney, 1748.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 101.*]

To John Shepherd of Souhegan West in the Province of New Hampshire Gent.—You are hereby desired & authorized for us & in our behalf & to our use & others as Proprietors of all that Tract of Land Lately purchased by us & others of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> by Deed Dated the thirtieth Day of July 1746 To Enter upon a Certain Tract of Land Situate in Said Province Containing about five hundred Acres bounded Southerly by Souhegan River Easterly by a place called Souhegan West & Westerly & Northerly by unimproved Land and make the most & best Improvement of Said Tract of Land that you can and forbid & prevent any others from Entring & Improving

there unless by your leave & to the Same use which you your Self are hereby Authorized to do for which this Shall be your Warrant Dated at Portsm<sup>o</sup> the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of Sept<sup>r</sup> 1748

John Shepard

the within Warrant or power of attorney is a Copy of One given to me by Theodore Atkinson Mark Hunking Wentworth R. Wibird Tho<sup>s</sup> Packer John Moffatt Nath<sup>l</sup> Meserve J. Odiorne & Tho<sup>s</sup> Wallingsford Esq<sup>rs</sup>

John Shepard

Witnesses  
W<sup>m</sup> Parker  
Matthew Livermore

[*Petition of Samuel Dustin, 1748.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 101.*]

Portsmouth October 26<sup>th</sup> 1748—

To the Gentlemen Purchasers & Proprietors of Mason's Right in the Province of New Hampshire

I the Subscriber in behalf of myselfe and others chiefly Inhabitants of Haverhill District & Methuen District pray the favour of the Proprietors aforesaid to grant or dispose of, to us or such a number of us as to you Shall Seem meet and upon Such Terms as shall be most agreable to you, of a Parcel of land beginning at y<sup>e</sup> east corner of Souhegan west then running Six miles upon Salem Cannada (So Called), northward, then running westerly Six Miles then Southerly Six miles then Easterly Six miles—So as to make Six Miles Square or otherwise as near said tract of land as you shall think fit—and we shall esteem your favour an Obligation to your Petitioners in whose behalfe I am Gent<sup>m</sup>

Your Hum: Serv<sup>t</sup>

Samuel Dustin

[*Charter of Lyndeborough, 1753.*]

[*Farmer's Mss. Town Papers, Vol. 4, p. 275.*]

Province of } Pursuant to the Power and Authority granted And  
New Hamp<sup>t</sup> } vested in me the Subscriber by the Prop<sup>m</sup> of Lands  
Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>t</sup> in the Province of New Hamp-  
shire At their meeting Regularly Called for that Purpose.—

I do by these Presents On the terms And Conditions with the reservations herein After Expressed Give And Grant All the Right title property And Possession of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> According to the following Proportions of Interest viz<sup>t</sup> to Benjamin Lynd's Esq four Shares Benjamin Pitkman Esq<sup>r</sup> three Shares Robert Hooper Esq One Share, to the Heirs and Assigns of Joseph Sweat Esq Six Shares to Joseph Blaney Esq two Shares—Samuel Wells Esq two Shares Daniel Epps Jun<sup>r</sup> Esq<sup>r</sup> two Shares Major Joshua Hicks two Shares Benjamin Goodhew three Shares Thomas Fletcher Two Shares Joseph Richardson two Shares George Goold two Shares Ephraim Ingalls Two Shares And to the following Persons viz<sup>t</sup> Joseph Bowdage Esq Josiah Bowers Stephen Puttnam the Heirs of James Lendall Esq late Deceased Jonathan Bowers Major John Fowle John Bickford William Holt Moses Graves, Oliver Fletcher Esq Timothy Cumings to M<sup>rs</sup> Hannah Cobbit Joseph Clough David Stinson Daniel Nickolls Robert Swan And Jonathan Peal to Which Seventeen One Share Each, of in And to a tract of Land in the Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> Containing by Estimation twenty eight Thousand Acres Part thereof Heretofore Called Salem Canada the Whole tract Bounded As follows, Begining at the Northeast Corner of a tract of Land Called Duxbury School Farm And in the line of that tract or township Called Souhegan West from thence runing West by the Needle One mile two Hundred And Eighty Rods to the East line of a tract of Land Called Number two from thence North by the Needle four Hundred And ninety Eight Rods to the Northeast Corner of S<sup>d</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 2 from thence west by the Needle by S<sup>d</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 2 five miles to a White Ash marked the Corner of Petersborough Slip And of N<sup>o</sup> 2: And from thence west by the Needle two Hundred And Forty Rods by S<sup>d</sup> Petersborough Slip to a Beach tree Marked from thence North by the Needle Six miles & Three Quarters to a tree Marked for the Corner of S<sup>d</sup> tract from Thence East by the Needle three miles and One quarter to a tree marked in the Western line of New Boston from thence South by that line One mile And An half to the most Southwesterly Corner of New Boston afores<sup>d</sup> from thence East by S<sup>d</sup> New Boston line three miles One hundred And twenty rods to a Black Oak marked Still by Said New Boston line & runs South two miles And An half To a Stump and Stones from thence East One mile And Eighty rods to the northwest Corner of that tract Called Souhegun west afores<sup>d</sup> from thence South by the line of Said Souhegun west four miles One Hundred And twenty three rods to the Bounds first mentioned, & to all the Bounds afores<sup>d</sup> lett Either of the lines afores<sup>d</sup> be more or less— Which tract of Land or Township Shall from this time be Called Lyndes Borough, the Premises afores<sup>d</sup> under the terms & Conditions



with the Reservations hereafter express, (that is to Say) that the Grantees afores<sup>d</sup> According their Respective Shares (excepting as hereafter excepted, have twenty One Thousand & thirty Acres Part of the afores<sup>d</sup> twenty eight Thousand Acres As the Whole of the grantees part of the Premises in the following Manner viz<sup>t</sup> that Each of the Grantees named in the Scheedule hereunto Annexed Own And Enjoy the Severall And Respective lotts to their names Respectively Affixed, As part of their Shares, That the following Severall Lotts, (And to be part of the Grantees proportion afores<sup>d</sup>) be granted As afores<sup>d</sup> free from Duty Settlement or taxes in Bringing forward or Compleating the duty as the Conditions of this grant to the Severall Persons hereafternamed As follows To David Badger the lott N<sup>o</sup> 117, to Francis Densmore the lott N<sup>o</sup> 106, to Bartholomew Jackson lott N<sup>o</sup> 100, To John Skead the lott N<sup>o</sup> 50, To Paul Raymond the lott N<sup>o</sup> 99, Which lotts Contain by estimation one Hundred And thirty Acres each And is part of the Second Division formerly laid out in S<sup>t</sup> tract, To James Twadle in the Right formly Edward Fladre the Home lot Called 24 East with An Addition Round About it of Sixty four Acres to Compleat the quantity of One Hundred And thirty Acres to Deacon Nathaniel Puttnam Peter Martin & George Dealands Heirs to Each One lott, to be lay'd Out in the undivided Lands which three lotts Are to Contain One Hundred And thirty Acres each And to Benjamin Lynde As Assignee to John Dale Sen<sup>r</sup> the home lott N<sup>o</sup> 21 And One Hundred and Twenty Acres to be Lay'd out in the Undivided Lands Which S<sup>a</sup> persons in their Capacitys as above Shall be Intitled to no further part of y<sup>e</sup> Premises—

That Out of the Grantees Proportion there be three Shares more granted One for the first Settled Minister And One for Ministry And One for the Schole there forever Which Said Shares Shall be And Contain in the Severall And Respective lotts entered in the Scheedule hereunto Annexed As their Whole & Respective Shares & Shall be free of Duty of Settlement And all taxes in performing the Condions of this Grant—

To have and to hold to them their Heirs & Assigns forever under the following Conditions, with y<sup>e</sup> Reservations hereafter mentioned Viz<sup>t</sup>—

That there be reserved out of said Tract, One Farm of Five Hundred Acres, at the South-Westerly Corner of said Tract and also One Hundred and Fifty Acres, Adjoining on that Corner of y<sup>e</sup> Township that Bounds on New Boston West Line, & One Hundred and Fifty Acres as discribed in y<sup>e</sup> Plan of said Tract

And that there be further reserved to and for y<sup>e</sup> use of y<sup>e</sup> Grantors, their Heirs and Assigns, Free of all Charge & Incumberance of Settle-

ment or Taxes, untill improved by the Owners, or by them sold, Six Thousand and Sixty Six Acres, and laid out into Nineteen Equal shares at the Charge of y<sup>e</sup> Grantees, in y<sup>e</sup> following manner Viz<sup>t</sup> That there be in y<sup>e</sup> next best Accomodations of y<sup>e</sup> undivided Lands, Three Thousand Six Hundred & Sixty Acres, laid out for the Grantors aforesaid, for Quantity and Quality, with y<sup>e</sup> Lands already laid out, in Nineteen Equal shares, as aforesaid and that there shall be next laid out, in y<sup>e</sup> said undivided Lands so much to each Grantee, who has not his full Proportion in y<sup>e</sup> Lands already laid out, and set in y<sup>e</sup> Schedule, as shall make their respective shares equal with the rest—

And that the remaining part of the Land reserved for the Grantors aforesaid, being Two Thousand Four Hundred Acres, be Divided for Quantity and Quality, with the rest of y<sup>e</sup> com'on Lands into Nineteen equal shares—And the remainder of y<sup>e</sup> Com'ons or undivided Lands, to be to and for the use of y<sup>e</sup> Grantees as they shall Order the Divisions thereof—And that where any Lands was by the Proprietors, claiming under the Massachusetts Grant formerly left within any Lott, for Highways, the Owners of such Lott, shall have said Land thus reserved, allowing so much, as shall be of Equal Value, out of his Part in his next Division of y<sup>e</sup> Com'ons

That the respective Grantees, Owners of y<sup>e</sup> Fifty shares afores<sup>d</sup> and who are not excused from Duty and Charge, bring forward and make settlement, in the following manner Viz<sup>t</sup> That they lay out y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Tract or Township and compleat the Division thereof as afore directed, at or before y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> Day of November next ensuing, and return a Plan thereof, certified under the Hand of their Clerk on Oath, within Two Months after such Work, shall be compleated to y<sup>e</sup> Clerk of said Grantors

That y<sup>e</sup> respective Owners, for each respective share, make One settlement, in the following manner Viz<sup>t</sup> To clear inclose & fit for Mowing or Plowing Two Acres on some one Lott, and have a comfortable dwelling House, Built and fitted for comfortable Dwelling in, and a Family or some Person resident there at or before, the first Day of December, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Six, and to continue Inhabitant or Resident there, for Four Years, then next comeing and also for the same Four Years Annually, on each of y<sup>e</sup> said Lotts, to have Two Acres oleared, Inclosed and fitted as aforesaid

That there be a Meeting House, for Publick Worship in said Township, within Five Years from this Date, at Such Place as shall be agreed on by the Proprietors, both Grantors and Grantees, to be determined according to Interest, and Ten Acres reserved there for

Publick use notwithstanding such Lott should be laid out to any Particular Person or Persons

That the Lands in said Township belonging to Grantors and Grantees, be subjected to have all Necessary Highways, laid through them as there shall be occasion, for the Future without any Pay or Allowance for Damages, that the aforesaid Grantees, their Heirs or Assigns not heretofore excused from Charge, by a Major Vote in Publick Meeting called for that Purpose, Grant and Assess in Equal Proportion, Such Sum or Sums of Money as they shall think necessary for carrying forward and compleating the Settlement aforesaid or for the Support of the Ministry as the Proprietors shall agree to, and every of the Grantees exclusive of the Three Publick Lotts, or his Assignee who shall Neglect for the Space of Sixty Days after such Assessment shall be granted, to pay the same, so much of such Delinquents Rights, shall and may be sold as will Pay their respective Taxes and all Charges arising thereon by a Committee to be appointed by the Grantees or their Assignees, for that Purpose—And in case any of the Grantees, or their Assignees shall neglect or refuse to perform any of the Articles, Matters, or Things aforesaid by him respectively to be done, He shall Forfeit his Right in said Township, and every Part thereof, to those of the Grantees or their Immediate Assignees who shall have complied, with the Conditions on their Part, herein expressed, and it shall, and may be Lawfull for them or any Person, by their Authority, to enter into & upon, the Right or Part, of such Delinquent Owner and any and every part in the Name and behalf of the whole of the Grantees or their Immediate Assignees, who shall comply as aforesaid, to amove oust and expell for the use of them their Heirs and Assigns, provided they settle or cause to be settled each such delinquents Right, within the Term of one Year at the farthest from the Periods, that is by this Instrument Stipulated to be done as the Condition of this Grant and fully comply with the whole Duty, such delinquent ought to have done, within One Year from Time to Time after the respective Periods thereof and in case the Grantees or their Assignees, fulfilling their Parts as aforesaid shall neglect, fulfilling as aforesaid the Duty of any delinquent Owner as aforesaid then such right or Part shall be Forfeit revert and belong to the Grantors their Heirs and Assigns and be wholly at their disposal

Allways Provided there shall be no Indian Warr, within any of y<sup>e</sup> Terms aforesaid for doing the Duty conditioned in this Grant, and in case that should happen, the same Time to be allowed, for the respective matters afores<sup>d</sup> after such Impediment shall be removed

That all White Pine Trees fit for Masting His Majesties Royall

Navy growing on said Tract of Land, be and hereby are Granted to his Majesty, His Heirs and Successors forever

Lastly the said Grantors, do promise and Engage to y<sup>e</sup> said Grantees, their Heirs and Assigns, to defend through the Law, to King & Council, (if need be one Action that shall and may be brought against them or any Number of them, by any Person or Persons whatsoever, claiming the said Land or any part thereof, by any other Title than that, of the s<sup>d</sup> Grantors, or that by which, they hold and derive theirs from, provided the said Grantors are avouched in to defend the same and that in Case on Final Tryall, the same shall be recovered, against the Grantors, that such Person or Persons, shall recover nothing over against the Grantors for the said Lands, Improvements or Expence, in bringing forward the Settlement

To all which Premises, I Joseph Blanchard Agent for and in behalf of the Proprietors, the Grantors, have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this Fifth Day of December A D. 1753—

Signed Sealed &

Joseph Blanchard [seal]

D D in presence of

Geo: Delond

Jn<sup>o</sup> Bowles

The foregoing Pages contain a True Copy of the Charter signed & Executed by Joseph Blanchard Esq<sup>r</sup> as Agent for & in behalf of the Propriet<sup>rs</sup> of Lands purchased of Jn<sup>o</sup> Tufon Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in the Province of New Hampshire delivered unto us the Subscribers in behalf of the Grantees mentioned in this Charter And whereas we were by the afores<sup>d</sup> Grantees Authorized & Impowered to settle Agree & Compound, concerning the premises in the aforewritten Charter, with the s<sup>d</sup> Joseph Blanchard Esq<sup>r</sup> in his capacity abovemention'd, on such terms & Conditions & with such reservations as by both parties should be agreed & Concluded, Now therefore we the s<sup>d</sup> Com'tee in the name & behalf of the Grantees mentioned in the aforewritten Charter, hereby Accept s<sup>d</sup> Title & for s<sup>d</sup> Grantees do Acknowledge that we hold s<sup>d</sup> Lands, under the s<sup>d</sup> Grantors Title & on the conditions & Limitations with the reservations express'd in said Charter Wittness our hands this 5<sup>th</sup> Decemb<sup>r</sup> 1753

Witnesses

Love Pickman

John Nutting Jr

Benj<sup>a</sup> Lynde

Benj<sup>a</sup> Pickman

Joshua Hicks

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[Draft of Lots, 1753.]

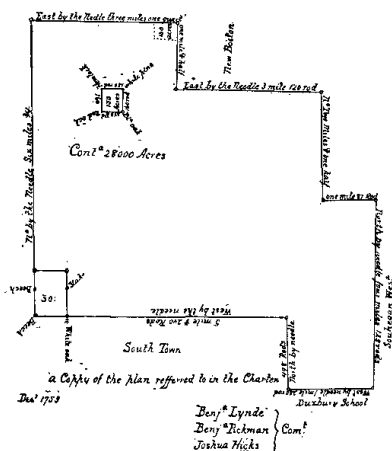
[Farmer's Mss. Town Papers, Vol. 4, p. 281.]

Schedule to be annexed to Charter made to Benjamin Lynde Esq<sup>r</sup> and others of Salem Canada now called Lyndeborough

Persons names.	N <sup>o</sup> of Home Division Lotts	N <sup>o</sup> of Second Division Lotts
Benjamin Lynde Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . .	27, 50, 23	44, 55, 83, 84, 98, 101, 65.
Benj <sup>a</sup> Pickman, Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . .	9, 22, 44,	53, 66, 80, 83, 111,
Robert Hooper Esq <sup>r</sup> & M <sup>r</sup> Swetts	2, 8, 37,	34, 36, 37, 92, 93, 48, 49, 108, 87,
Heirs . . . . .	41, 43, 49	94, 29, 103
Joseph Blaney Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	3, 6,	30, 41, 54,
Maj <sup>r</sup> Joshua Hicks . . . . .	28, 47,	52, 97, 102, 114
Benjamin Goodhew . . . . .	20, 58, 61	48, 60, 64, 115, 124, 125,
Thomas Fletcher . . . . .	18, 35,	56, 57, 82,
Samuel Wells Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	54, 57,	71, 75, 81
George Gould . . . . .	24, 46,	69, 70, 74
Ephraim Ingalls . . . . .	40, 59,	51, 112, 119, 123,
Daniel Epes Jr Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	51, 53,	40, 73, 104, 107,
Capt <sup>r</sup> Joseph Richardson . . . .	19, 31,	63, 89, 116, 118
Josiah Bowers . . . . .	1,	81
Joseph Bowditch Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	4,	86, 95,
The Heirs of James Lindall Esq <sup>r</sup>	7,	77, 78,
Stephen Putnam . . . . .		113, 122,
Jonathan Bowers . . . . .	14,	47, 79,
John Bickford . . . . .	16,	38, 42,
Moses Graves . . . . .	38,	109, 110
Maj <sup>r</sup> John Fowie . . . . .	15,	45, 105,
Oliver Fletcher Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	39	72
Hannah Cabot . . . . .	42	120, 121
Joseph Clough . . . . .	45,	62, 96,
David Stimson . . . . .	48	58, 59,
Daniel Nichols . . . . .	52	68,
Robert Swan . . . . .	55	
Jonathan Peele . . . . .	60	35, 61,
Timothy Cummings . . . . .	26	31, 32
William Holt . . . . .	25	46, 76.
School Lott . . . . .	32,	67, 126.
Ministry Lott . . . . .	33	90, 91
First Ministers Lott . . . . .	34.	126, 127.

The foregoing List is the Schedule referred to in the Annexed Charter.  
Dec<sup>r</sup> 5: 1753.

Benj<sup>a</sup> Lynde  
Benj<sup>a</sup> Pickman } Com<sup>tes</sup>  
Joshua Hicks. }



[Francis Borland to George Jaffrey, 1755.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 102.]

Boston 31<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1755

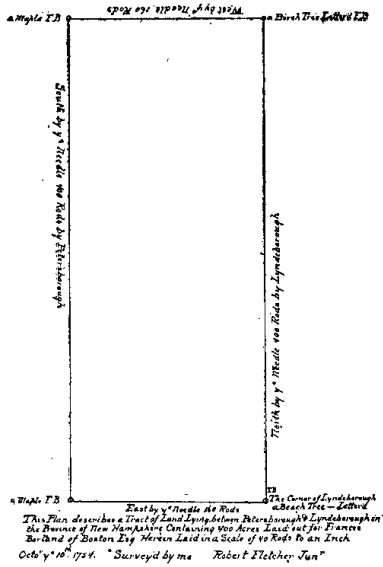
Sir Having the Opportunity of my good Friend M<sup>r</sup> Ross I here inclose You Copy of the Plan of 400 Acres Land lay'd out by M<sup>r</sup> Fletcher in lieu of the 400 I formerly Purchased of Sun q<sup>ch</sup> I must Beg the favo<sup>r</sup> of Yo<sup>r</sup> Laying before y<sup>e</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Proprietors for their Acceptance, by the Vots of the Propriety Coll Blanchard was to have laid it out but as his Business would not Admit thereof, the Col<sup>o</sup> Employ'd M<sup>r</sup> Fletcher q<sup>ch</sup> I presume will be Agreeable to the Gentlemen Proprietors, to whom please make my Best Compliments I am with most Sincere Regards Dear Sir

Your most Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

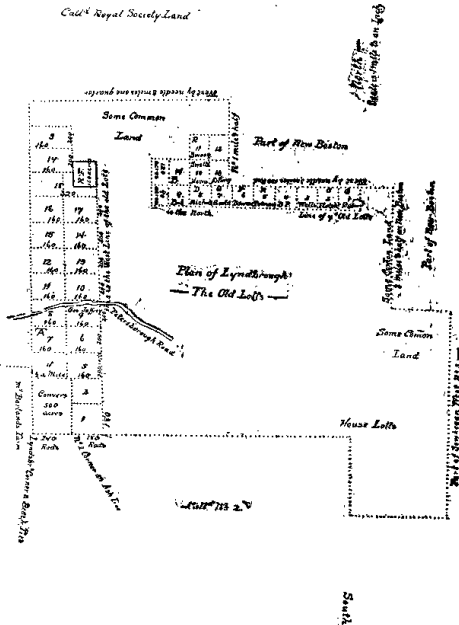
Fran<sup>s</sup> Borland

My compliments to yo<sup>r</sup> worthy Family  
To George Jaffrey Esq<sup>r</sup>

[Plan of Borland's Farm, 1754.]



[Fletcher's Plan of Lyndeborough, 1759.]



The Lotts on the West Line of the Town as Described in this plan and Numbered from (1.) to (19.) Contain 200 acres each—And the Lotts Described at the Northwardly Part & on New Boston Lines Numbred from (1.) to (14.) Contain 130. acres each, and the other Two Lotts Not Numbred have the Quantity of acres they Contain affixed on them Respectively—

Well Bounded and Truly Described By  
 Octob' y° 8th 1759—

Robt Fletcher

[A copy of this plan is endorsed, "Wrong in Alm° every part is almost a Mile Wider than it realy is."]



[*Reserved Lots in Lyndeborough, 1760.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, July 7, 1760.]

Whereas the Grantees of Lyndborough have return'd the Survey and Plan of a division of Part of the said Township made and signed by Robert Fletcher dated the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 1759 and desired the said Plan and Survey might be accepted and recorded which being approved—

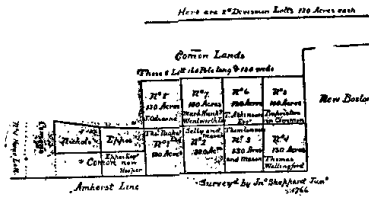
Voted the same be accepted & entered upon the records of this Propriety and that the said lots therein assigned for the Grantors be drawn for at this meeting which was accordingly done and the said lots so drawn for are hereby voted to be the right and Property of the Person Respectively to whom drawn & entered, his heirs and assings in Severalty forever—

The said Lots were drawn in the following manner Viz<sup>t</sup>

1 <sup>st</sup> drawn N <sup>o</sup>	12 to Joshua Peirce Esq <sup>rs</sup> right
2	10 to Thomlinson & Mason
3	6 to Mark Hunking Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup>
4	17 to Jotham Odiorne Esq <sup>rs</sup> Right
5 <sup>th</sup>	16 to Samuel Solly & Clement March Esq <sup>rs</sup>
6	15 to Thomas Packer Esq <sup>r</sup>
7	4 to M <sup>r</sup> Samuel Livermore
8	9 to George Jaffrey
9	2 to John Moffatt Esq <sup>r</sup>
10	18 to John Wentworth Esq <sup>rs</sup> right
11	7 to Theodore Atkinson Esq <sup>rs</sup>
12	19 to Richard Wibird Esq <sup>r</sup>
13	5 to Meserve Blanchard & <sup>c</sup>
14	3 to Mary Moore & Daniel Peirce Esq <sup>r</sup>
15	14 to M <sup>r</sup> John Rindge
16	8 to William Parker Esq <sup>r</sup>
17	11 to Thomas Wallingford Esq <sup>r</sup>
18	1 to Joseph Blanchard Esq <sup>rs</sup> Right
19	13 to Benjamin Pratt Esq <sup>r</sup>

[Shepard's Plan of Eight Proprietor's Lots, 1766.]

Sketch of Survey of 8 Grand Proprietors Lots laid out AD 1766  
By J<sup>n</sup> Shepard Esq<sup>r</sup> each contain' ab<sup>t</sup> 100 Acres.



[Petition of John Quigley, 1768.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 103.]

Province of } To y<sup>e</sup> Prop<sup>rs</sup> of Mason's Patent  
New Hampshire } Humbly Shews John Quigley of New Boston  
in the prov<sup>e</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> desires to inform your honours that he has been  
at vast expence and trouble in Regard to your hon<sup>rs</sup> Interest in  
Mason's Patent afores<sup>d</sup> & Whereas there is a thousand Acre in the  
Crotchet Mountain of Common and undivided Land and Also a Small  
Strip of common and undivided Land between Leinsborough and  
Peterborough and hopes your hon<sup>rs</sup> Will take it into Consideration  
and grant him as many Acres as you'll think Will Satisfy the An-  
nex'd acc<sup>t</sup> for So doing y<sup>r</sup> pett<sup>r</sup> thinks himself in duty Bound &C  
John Quigely

[Deposition of Robert Fletcher, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 103.]

I Rob<sup>t</sup> Fletcher aged ab<sup>o</sup> 42 y<sup>rs</sup> Testify & say, That I was the Sur-  
vey<sup>r</sup> who w<sup>th</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Butterfield & others, laid out to y<sup>e</sup> Several Pro-  
priet<sup>rs</sup> who hold under Jn<sup>o</sup> Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> The Tract of Land,  
call<sup>d</sup> The Society Land, or Reserv<sup>d</sup> Lands, their perticul<sup>r</sup> Lotts Anno  
1753. That the Lott N<sup>o</sup> 8, w<sup>ch</sup> fell to Col<sup>o</sup> Wallingsf<sup>d</sup> on the East

End began at a Black Oake w<sup>ch</sup> is the N<sup>o</sup> east Corner of N<sup>o</sup> 8— the Line runs South one mile on the head of New Boston Addition Line to an Hemlock Tree, which is the N<sup>o</sup> east Corn<sup>r</sup> of Lyndebr<sup>o</sup> Addition, which was made by Order of Col<sup>o</sup> Blanchard A D: 1758, from thence it runs West Three Mile & 80 Rod, on Lyndebr<sup>o</sup> to a Black oak: Thence Turning at a right Angle & runs south one mile & 120 rod to a white Pine being the Extent of N<sup>o</sup> 8, southward & is in a direct Line East w<sup>th</sup> Peterbor<sup>o</sup> North Line—

I was also the Survey<sup>r</sup> that by Order of Col<sup>o</sup> Blanchard made the Addition to Lyndebor<sup>o</sup> & planned the same, agreeable to w<sup>ch</sup> the Charter was drawn—and at the N<sup>o</sup> west Corner of the Town, y<sup>e</sup> Addition N<sup>o</sup> was made from the Southwest Corn<sup>r</sup> of new Boston Addition, & was to run N<sup>o</sup> on that Head Line one mile & an half to a Hemloke Tree in the s<sup>d</sup> head Line of New Boston Addition—& I Know it was intended y<sup>t</sup> Lyndebor<sup>o</sup> Should Extend so far north; until it came to y<sup>e</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> Hemlock; which is one mile South of the bl<sup>a</sup> Oak at the N<sup>o</sup> East Corner of N<sup>o</sup> 8, and one mile & half North of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>o</sup> West Corner of new Boston Addition—That sometime in the spring of the Year 1766, I Informed M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Dickey, one of the Purchasers of the Lott N<sup>o</sup> 8, of the bounds as abovemention'd; who told me, that he s<sup>d</sup> Dickey & others were about Purchasing the s<sup>d</sup> Lot N<sup>o</sup> 8, & that he came to me to Enquire ab<sup>o</sup> the Bounds

Rob<sup>t</sup> Fletcher

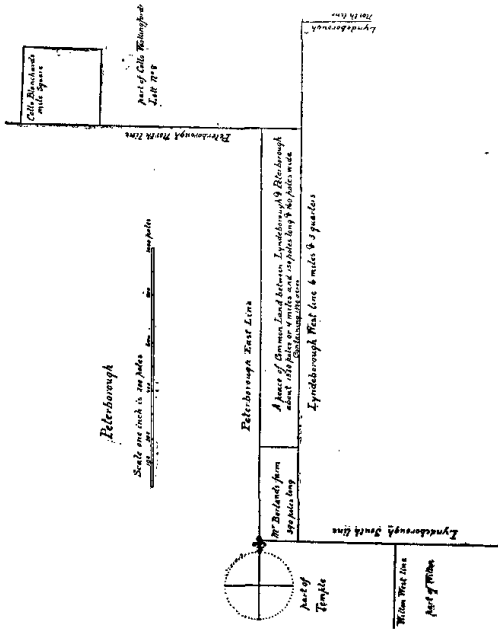
Essex ss } Salem 9 feb<sup>ry</sup> 1770—

Then the abovenam<sup>d</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Fletcher made Oath to the Truth of the above Deposition by him subscribed—and the same is taken to ly, in Perpetuam Rei Memoriam

Jurat Coram

And<sup>w</sup> Oliver } Justic<sup>ies</sup> Pac<sup>a</sup>  
W<sup>m</sup> Browne } Quorum Unus.

[Carleton's Plan of Land Between Peterborough and Lyndeborough, 1771.]



Honoured Sir

I am informed that my acco<sup>mt</sup> was laid before the Proprietors of the Strip of land between Lyndeborough and Peterborough and that it was Objected against because I Sent no plan I was not desired to Send any plan but only to Send what the Strip Contained but Since they desire a plan I have Sent one on this paper which if you examin the plans of Peterborough Lyndeborough Temple and Collo Wallingford's lott and M<sup>r</sup> Borlands farm you will find very exact but I find Collo Wallingford's lott extends farther South on Lyndeborough West line then I knew of before So that the Strip does not contain So much as I returned before I expected Collo Wallingford's South line

extend no farther South than Lyndeborough North line but I have Seen a Copy of his Deed to the Derry men and have had opportunity to converse with M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Fletcher and find that it extends 440 rods South of Lyndeborough North West Corner as you may See by this plan the South end of it what I Saw of it is very broken and mountainous the north end flat pitch pine plain the middle is what may be called very good land I Suppose it to be half if not more good land and the rest very poor I hope this plan and description will give the Proprietors Satisfaction So that they will find it in their way to pay my account—I am Sir

Your Most Humble Servant

Lyndeborough April y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1771

Osgood Carleton

—  
[*Petition of Robert Fletcher, 1772.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 104.*]

To the Honourable the Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tuffton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in the Province of New Hampshire The Humble Petition of Robert Fletcher of Dunstable in said Province Shews, That there is a Tract of Land which Remains ungranted between the west line of Lyndesborough, the east Line of Peterborough the North Line of Temple, and the South line of the Society land so Called, Containing about Two thousand acres, Chiefly mountains, & Lands incapable of improvement and Rejected by the proprietors of the Towns before mentioned on that Account, that your Petitioner has found a small Tract within the bounds aforesaid which he apprehends might do for a Settlement, provided he Could have the other part, which in some future time might answer for Grazing &c. Wherefore he humbly prays your honours would make him a grant of the whole of said Tract, on such Conditions & under such Limitations as you in your wisdom shall think proper and he as in Duty bound will Ever pray—

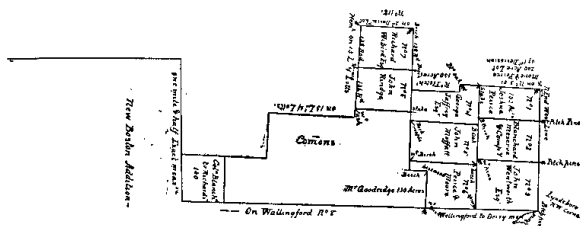
Portsm<sup>e</sup> Octob<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 1772.—

Rob<sup>t</sup> Fletcher



[Carleton's Plan of Eight Proprietors' Lots, 1773.]

A Survey & Laying out of Eight Grand Proprietors Lots in Lyndeborough cont<sup>g</sup> 160 Rods more or less  
 & where has more making the same near equal together with the Great bounds of each Lot  
 laid down by Scale of 40 rods to Inch. by and of the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
 Osgood Carleton Survey



[Benjamin Lynde to Proprietors, 1773.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 105.]

Salem May 28<sup>th</sup> 1773

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sir With this you will have a New Survey & laying out of Eight Grand Proprietors Lotts by M<sup>r</sup> Osgood Carleton April 1773 at the N<sup>o</sup> west of Lyndeborough; these with 8 before laid out on Amherst Line & near the Home Lotts by Jn<sup>o</sup> Sheppard Esq<sup>r</sup>; make 16 only, the Number directed, without any for the 3 Lawyers—These being at the N W Corner & beyond the mountains, are 150 to 160 acres, as the other are near the Inhabitants—

The Lotts laid out by M<sup>r</sup> Sheppard are lost by the Enchoachment of the 17 Derry men who bought of Col<sup>o</sup> Wallingsford, who claim half a mile further South than the bounds in his Deed gives them; & take half a mile which our Charter gives us in plain words—

You have also the reform of the Survey of the 19 Grand Lotts laid out by m<sup>r</sup> Fletcher 1759 which was Erroneous in not making allowance for the variation of the Compass from the 1<sup>st</sup> running 1736—whereby the Northern Lotts were above 100 Rod short thro the wedth—This now is rectified, and the bounds at the Corner of each Lot ascertain'd on the Plan, without which it was imposible for any grand Proprietor to have found his certain Lot—This has been attended with a great deal of Charge to us, but absolutely Necessary, & best to be settled right, before Improvements came to be made

I Wish, Sir, that the Proprietors, with you, would Draw for the 16

Lotts, that they may Know how to sell (if they Incline to it) & Accomodate such as come to settle—

I am Sir with great respect

Your most Obed<sup>t</sup> Hum<sup>b</sup> Servant

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Geo : Jaffry Esq<sup>r</sup>

Benj<sup>a</sup> Lynde

[*Benjamin Lynde to Proprietors, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 106.]

Salem 28 July 1773—

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sir/ Your Favours of the 23<sup>d</sup>, I received last night; I find it goes intirely on a Mistake—as th<sup>o</sup> the Masonian Proprietors had not the Quantity of Land reserved for them in their Charter—That was 6066 Acres—Anno 1759 there was laid out for them, Nineteen 1<sup>a</sup> Lotts each of 200 Acres, Makes 3800 Acres, these they Drew for in July 1760—in 1766 there was laid out by Jn<sup>o</sup> Sheppard Jun<sup>r</sup> Eight Lotts on Amherst Line each containing 130 Acres, is 1040 Acres more—These being nearer Amherst & Supposed better, were not so large as those at a Distance—In 1768 M<sup>r</sup> Sheppard laid out the 8 Lotts in the Addition made to Lyndeborough, w<sup>ch</sup> being at a greater distance, were Larger, viz 150 to 160 Acres The 17 Derry men, by vertue of their Purchase from Wallingsford whose Deed gives them only one mile on New Boston, made an Encroachment of half a mile further (th<sup>o</sup> they were told by R<sup>o</sup> Fletcher Esq<sup>r</sup> to whom they Applied, before they bought, how far Wallingford came South & that he had only one mile on the Head of new Boston—this broke up the Allotment of Esq<sup>r</sup> Sheppards, put us to a much greater Charge for Examining & to Measure Wallingford great Lott, with fixing it by his Deed & other Evidence This cost us £15 or £16 L M—& now Carleton laying out in 1773 ab<sup>o</sup> all this has been the Charge of the Grantees—and tho they have some Hundred of Acres taken from them; Yet the Grand Proprietors have the whole of their reservation & 10 or 12 acres more—

These Eight Lotts are Generally the best Land, th<sup>o</sup> further distant—

What I Proposed was the drawing for the 8 Lotts laid out 1766 of 130 Ac<sup>rs</sup> Each, with the 8 Lotts laid out by Carlton 1773 of 150 or 160 Ac: each—

If I omitted the Plan of the 8 Lotts laid out 1766, when I sent the other 8 Lotts of Carleton it was a mistake & is sent now

I also transmit you M<sup>r</sup> Fletchers Deposition, taken *in perpetuum* &c to shew the Gr<sup>d</sup> Proprietors the Unreasonableness, of the Derry mens Encroachments—





[*Benjamin Lynde to Proprietors, 1773.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 107.*]

Salem Sept<sup>r</sup> 2, 1773

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sir I am favoured with yours of the 18<sup>th</sup> of Aug<sup>r</sup>, in Answer to which let me Assure you—(That as I take it) There will none of those Lots laid out by Carleton, be Infringed on by the Derry mens Incroachments;—I have Two shares in the 16 Lots now to be drawn, my own Interest therefore would have ledd me to take care that those Lots, should be clear from Incroachments—

I am sorry to find That *Frances Town* Laps on Lyndebor<sup>o</sup> I suppose the Charter of Incorporation, is the same with the Proprietors Charter from Col<sup>o</sup> Blanchard 1753. which makes Lyndeborough to run from the S W Corner of new Boston Addition one Mile & an half on the head line of s<sup>d</sup> Addition this leaves for Wallingford N<sup>o</sup> 8—one Mile to the red oak which is the N E Corner of his Lott as its Odiornes S E Corner bound—Yet these Irish, th<sup>o</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> Wallingford Deed to them, is only one Mile from s<sup>d</sup> Red Oak South, they have stretcht it to one mile & half large Measure

M<sup>r</sup> Peirce's Illness may prevent his Attending when you draw your Lotts. I should therefore be Obliged to you, if you would Please to draw for my Two Rights bought of Col<sup>o</sup> Blanchard viz<sup>t</sup> 1 that was Meservy, Green & his, & 1 he had as Agent of the Gr<sup>d</sup> Proprietors.

With regard to the Strip between Lyndebor<sup>o</sup> & Peterbor<sup>o</sup> I Know verry little about it—I am told towards the South a great part of it is Rocky & Mountainous—other parts may be tolerable; but it's only because it is Adjoyning to Lyndebor<sup>o</sup> that I would buy it, if it was Sold a penny worth—I should be glad to hear what the Quantity is, & what it will Fetch in Cash—

I am, Sir, with respects to the Comp<sup>a</sup>

Your & their most hum<sup>bl</sup> Servant

Benj<sup>a</sup> Lynde

Sept<sup>r</sup> 5: 1773

S<sup>r</sup>/ Since finishing the other side, M<sup>r</sup> Dav<sup>d</sup> Chandler has been with me, & tells me, Esq<sup>r</sup> Sheppard has Measured the Strip of the Proprietors Land by Duxbury School Farm & its measure is Six hundred & od Acres, makes but 42 or 43 Acres to  $\frac{1}{8}$ —Yet M<sup>r</sup> Peirce about 10 years agoe writes me, That Col<sup>o</sup> Blanchard, (as he Understood by his son) was to have 8 miles of that Strip on the South part, the remaind<sup>r</sup> Supposed to be 1 mile & half was devided & Lotted out & made 53 Acre to  $\frac{1}{8}$ —at which rate I bought & paid for Col<sup>o</sup> Marchs part—his Letter M<sup>r</sup> Chandler has for your perusal

I am s<sup>r</sup> Your most Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

B Lynde

[*Benjamin Lynde to Proprietors, 1774.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 108.]

Danvers 25<sup>th</sup> April 1774

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sir Your Favours of 24 Decem<sup>br</sup> past, I received: and was in hopes 'ere this to have heard, you had drawn for the Lotts laid out to the grand Proprietors—I Should have been glad also, to have had Cap<sup>t</sup> Fletchers Original Testimony, returned Recorded, with what I am Indebted for it, as I suppose you have a Register Chosen—

I am told you have lately Advertised Two p<sup>a</sup> of Land Adjoining on Lyndeborô; & that one is the Supposed Gore between that Town & the Derry men—I should have been verry Glad to have known its description & Contents; one of your Newes Papers might sufficiently do that If you could send me one, unless they are not so particular as your book—

We have Spent Several hundred Pounds, on Ascertainning the Addition made to Salem Canada, by Col<sup>o</sup> Blanchard & Fletcher:

I have my Self taken more pains about it, than I would again for £20: lawful Money—

In my Letter of 10<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> I mentioned to you an Affair of M<sup>r</sup> Qigliy viz his Demand for paying Wittnesses on a Trespass, on M<sup>r</sup> Hancock & my Society Lott N<sup>o</sup> 2—Which as I Knew nothing of, I Supposed was a Gen<sup>r</sup>l Charge—but Promised to write you, & have your advise thereon; which should be much Obliged to you for

I am Sir Your most Ôbed<sup>t</sup> Hum<sup>bl</sup> Servant

Benj<sup>a</sup> Lynde

P S: If you would be so good, as to write me how much, a Grand Proprietors Right in Gilman Town was,—& the Number, & in what part of the Town, M<sup>r</sup> Solly & March Share fell, it would much Oblige

Your most hum<sup>ble</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

B Lynde

[*James Underwood to John Penhallow, 1774.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 109.]

Litchfield June 9<sup>th</sup> 1774

M<sup>r</sup> Penhallow Sir/

After Expressions of my Compliments to you these are to Inform you that I have had oppertunity to Dispose of a lot of Land adjoining to the strip of Land I once Wanted to purches from Masons Propriety therefore do Decline from having any more to do with said

strip only to pray a Division of the Strip Immediately as I am Determined to make the Best of it I can, if I shou'd have a good Devide I may perhaps Git the money it cost if not I may Loose by Purchasing be so kind Sir as to Communicate these Lines to the Rest of your Committee & if Agreeable Let me have a line when you will Attend on a Division you will remember that I have two 15<sup>th</sup> parts viz<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> Atkinson & Col<sup>o</sup> Meserves I am sir (in hast) with due regard your most Obed<sup>t</sup> & very Hum<sup>l</sup> Ser<sup>t</sup>

James Underwood

M<sup>r</sup> John Penhollow

[*Agreement to Purchase Land, 1774.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 110.]

Portsm<sup>o</sup> June 15<sup>th</sup> 1774 Joshua Holt & Jn<sup>o</sup> Abbot 4<sup>th</sup> both of Andover in y<sup>e</sup> Prov: of Mass<sup>a</sup> Agree to purchase of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> the Strip of land between Peterborough & Lyndsborough and to pay four shillings  $\frac{3}{4}$  Acre for the Same part of y<sup>e</sup> Sum on having y<sup>e</sup> Grant y<sup>e</sup> Remaind<sup>r</sup> in September next to pay Interest till paid—and they will be in this Town by a month from this date to receive y<sup>e</sup> Grant &<sup>c</sup>

Joshua Holt  
John Abbot 4<sup>th</sup>

[*Proprietors to John Shepard, 1774.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 110.]

Jn<sup>o</sup> Sheppard Esq<sup>r</sup>

The Proprietors of the lands purchased of Jn<sup>o</sup> Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> are about making a Conveyance of a Strip of land to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Holt Abbot &c<sup>a</sup>—and to be conveyed by y<sup>e</sup> Acre—we had a plan thereof made by Osgood Carlton for ascertaining y<sup>e</sup> Quantity of Said Tract y<sup>e</sup> certainty of which Those person's are in Some doubt and are desirous of having y<sup>e</sup> Same Surveyed again, and we are consenting, having reason to think that Tract of land contain's more Acres than Mentioned in Osgoods plan—as the Prop<sup>rs</sup> have great Confidence in your Integrity & Skill have requested your favour to undertake y<sup>e</sup> Survey and return a plan of the Same to us That is that you will as Soon as you can conveniently, make a Survey of the Said Strip to begin at the North-west Corner of Borlands farm so called, and run by the northerly line thereof to the west line of Lyndsborough and on the Said line to the South line of the Society land so called then by that line till it meet's

the Northeasterly Corner of Peterborough then by that line to the bounds began at—the Course of the westerly Side line of Lyndsborough & easterly Side line of Peterborough are north by y<sup>e</sup> Needle granted in the year 1753—or thereabouts—It is desired you will be as exact as you can in y<sup>e</sup> admeasurement—and contents of the land—for your assistance we enclose you Carlton's Plan of the strip and y<sup>e</sup> Plan of Borlands farm by which you will See the form and contents, which you'l see if it contain's no more than 400 Acres—The persons who apply to you for making the Survey will pay you for the Same & Plan—which Send to us under your Cover—in behalf of Prop<sup>rs</sup>

Portsm<sup>o</sup> July 16 1774

G J. P Cle

Portsm<sup>o</sup> July 15<sup>th</sup> 1774 Then Agreed with Mason's Proprietors, that as we requested a survey of y<sup>e</sup> Strip of land between Lyndsborough & Peterborough, which is to be taken by Jn<sup>o</sup> Sheppard Esq<sup>r</sup>—that we will pay y<sup>e</sup> Cost and Charge of y<sup>e</sup> Survey & Plan—

Joshua Holt

John Abbott 4<sup>th</sup>

[*Shepard's Plan of Land between Peterborough and Lyndeborough, 1774.*]

Amherst Oct<sup>r</sup> 8<sup>a</sup> 1774

Sir —

I have rec: d Yours of the 16<sup>th</sup> of July last wherein you mentioned the Strip of Land lying between Lyndeborough & Peterborough and desired me to Measure it at the Expence of the persons that were about to Purchase the same; accordingly I measured said Tract, employ'd two men of a fair Character to carry the Chain, men that had no connection with the present Purchasers, who rendered an Account to me of the Distance as Represented by this Plan

I am Sir with due Respect Your Humb<sup>l</sup> Ser<sup>t</sup>

John Shepard jun<sup>r</sup> —

To the Hon<sup>le</sup> Geo: Jaffrey Esq

North by the Needle Four Miles and fifty four Rods by Peterborough  
 A Plan of a Tract of Land lying between the Towns of Peterborough and  
 Lyndeborough Containing 1227 Acres. Scale half a Mile to an Inch —  
 North by the Needle four miles & fifty four rods by Lyndeborough. 4 miles of rods  
 Perambulated September 21 1774 — by John Shepard jun<sup>r</sup>

[*James Underwood to John Peirce, 1774.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 111.*]

Litchfield Oct<sup>or</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1774

Sir

I take this oppertunty to Inform you, that those persons who have Bought, the half mile Strip, of Land between Peterborough & Lyndborough, have been Runing the line, Between Lynd<sup>h</sup> & s<sup>d</sup> Strip, and have gon on the former line of Lynd<sup>h</sup>, I Expect in order to Git a grant agreeable thereto, the Lots Laid out to your proprietors, was laid out Differing 4 Degrees from the s<sup>d</sup> former line which in Runing, 13 hundred rods, Taks off from some lots more then 80 acres, it hurts your lot, more then what, you will Git for a full Shair, in s<sup>d</sup> Strip, and Col<sup>o</sup> Packers Lot more, then yours, and others also — Altho I own two fifteenths of said Strip, I sho'd be ungreatful, to let you or the proprietors, be Imposed on, without Giving you, Information, though, in this I might be a great Gainer, I Exspect, you will be wise Enough, not to sell any that was formerly lotted out, be so kind as to let M<sup>r</sup> Jeffrey know of this letter—I am sir with Due Regard your most Obe<sup>t</sup> & very Hum<sup>o</sup> Se<sup>t</sup> James Underwood

N B if you see Esq<sup>r</sup> Holland Esq<sup>r</sup> Shepard or M<sup>r</sup> Hale they will Inform you more fully then my hurt will permit me to write at this time—

[*Sale of Land to Holt and Abbott, 1774.*]

[*Masonian Proprietors' Records, Nov. 2, 1774.*]

Province of } Portsmouth November 2<sup>d</sup> 1774, Wednesday  
New Hampshire — } three of the Clock Afternoon, at the Dwelling  
Rockingham Ss } House of James Stoodly Esq<sup>r</sup> Inholder, the  
Proprietors met according to Adjournment.

Voted that for and in Consideration of the sum of two hundred thirty one Pounds, five shillings lawfull Money of said Province to us in hand, before the making this Grant, paid by Joshua Holt Gentleman, John Abbot the fourth, Yeoman, & William Blunt Cooper, all of Andover in the County of Essex and Province of the Massachusetts Bay, and Abiel Abbot of Wilton in the County of Hillsborough & Province of New Hampshire Gentleman, there be and hereby is given and granted unto the said Joshua Holt, John Abbot, William Blunt and Abiel Abbot, their Heirs and Assigns forever, all our Right and Property of, in and to a certain tract of Land containing thirteen hundred & thirty four acres, more or less situate in the County of

Hillsborough, and Province of New Hampshire, within the Claim of Mason's Patent, (except the right of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> and the Right of Nathaniel Meserve Esq<sup>r</sup> and others, which two Rights are already sold the which said thirteen hundred and thirty four acres, of Land including said two Rights already sold is bounded as follows viz<sup>t</sup> begining at the northwest Corner of Borland's Farm, (so called) and runs by the Northerly line thereof to the west Line of Lyndsborough, and on the said Line of Lyndsborough to the south Line of the Society Land so called, then by that Line till it meets the North easterly Corner of Peterborough, then by that Line to the Bounds, began at the tract of Land hereby granted, (except as before excepted) is a strip of Land lying between Lyndsborough and Peterborough, as by the Plan taken by John Shepard Jun<sup>r</sup> Esq<sup>r</sup> returned in the Clerk's Office of the Grantors will at large appear. TO HAVE & TO HOLD, the said granted Premises, with all the Priviledges and Appurtenances thereof, (except as before excepted) to them the said Joshua Holt, John Abbot the fourth, William Blunt, and Abiel Abbot, their Heirs and Assigns to their only proper use and Benefit forever, And that said Proprietors their Heirs and Successors shall and will Warrant and defend the same granted Premises, to them the said Joshua Holt, John Abbot the fourth, William Blunt, and Abiel Abbot their Heirs and Assigns forever, against any Person, who may or shall claim the same Premises, from, by or under the said Proprietors, their Heirs or Successors, And that in case the said Joshua Holt, John Abbot the fourth, William Blunt, and Abiel Abbot their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall at any Time hereafter be evicted and ousted, of the same Premises, or any Part thereof, by legal Process, the said Proprietors for themselves their Heirs and Successors, covenant and engage, to repay the said Joshua Holt, John Abbot the fourth, William Blunt and Abiel Abbot their Heirs, Executors, or Administrators, the Consideration Sum herein before exprest, or in Proportion to such part of the Premises, as they or any of them may be ousted of in Manner aforesaid, with lawfull Interest for the same untill paid, which said Sum and Interest shall be in full Satisfaction of all Damage the said Joshua Holt, John Abbot, William Blunt, and Abiel Abbot their Heirs, Executors, or Administrators may sustain by the loss of said Land or any Part thereof as aforesaid —

[*Vote in Regard to Land Sold Holt and Abbott, 1775.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Feb. 22, 1775.]

Whereas the Proprietors on the Second day of November 1774 granted and Sold unto Joshua Holt John Abbot & others, a tract of land Situate in the County of Hillsborough, and Province of New Hampshire, within the Claim of Mason's Patent, containing Thirteen hundred and thirty four Acres, more or less, excepting the Right of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> and the right which was owned by Nath<sup>l</sup> Meserve Joseph Blanchard and Joseph Green deceased, and Paul March, which two rights were not included in Said Grant & Sale to Joshua Holt John Abbot & others, but were Sold or disposed of by the Said owners, before the grant & Sale to Said Holt Abbot & others on the second day of November 1774 at a Meeting of the Proprietors; and as the said Rights or two fifteenths of Said Tract of land were not included in the Said Grant and Sale thereof—Therefore Voted that the Sum of two hundred thirty one pounds, five shillings lawfull Money paid by Said Holt Abbott & others, be divided to and Amongst the other thirteen Proprietors, to be paid to them, or for their Accounts of Expences of the Propriety—

[*Benjamin Lynde to Proprietors, 1775.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 112.]

Ipswitch Hamlet 7 Decem<sup>br</sup> 1775

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sir It is now Several Months, since I have been favored with anything from you, perhaps the Difficulty of the Times, has Occasioned it,

The Damage of having our Com'ons, ly open, to all Tresspassers; as well as good Setlers, Stopped from coming into the Town, Obliges me to Ask the Trouble, of your Urging the Proprietors to Pass on & Accept M<sup>r</sup> Carltons Plan of 1773—& Then Draw for the several Lotts That we may Know our owu; & Devide the smal Remains of Com'ons—Had M<sup>r</sup> Rob Fletcher laid the grand Lotts, out right 1759, with the boundary mark at the Corner of each Lot—all this Charge & delay would have been prevented—M<sup>r</sup> Sheppard was sensible of this 9 or 10 years agoe—And you will readily find Fletchers Errors by looking into his Plan of the Grand Proprietors Lotts, returned to you 1759: in that he makes J Wentworth M<sup>r</sup> Wybird & Peirces N<sup>o</sup> 3 Two hundred Acre Lotts, to be 275 Poles long from his Farm to the West Line, Whereas Esq<sup>r</sup> Sheppard in 1768, finds on Exact Measure,



but 158 Poles from Fletchers Farm, (he had of Col<sup>o</sup> Blanchard) to our West Line

This with the 3 other Argument hinted at in mine of Decem<sup>r</sup> 1773 & feb<sup>r</sup> 1774, must fully Satisfie every unprejudiced Person, that our West Line, is as far as We Carry it

I must beg the favor of an answer & with great Respect am—S<sup>r</sup>  
Your most Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Hon G: Jaffrey Esq<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>a</sup> Lynde

[*Benjamin Lynde to Proprietors, 1775.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 113.*]

Ipswitch Hamlet 27<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1775

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sir Your Favors of the 11 Instant I received: As I have had considerable Leisure, I have carefully look<sup>t</sup> over my Papers, relative to Lyndebor<sup>o</sup>, &c & am pretty well sure, no Letters of yours, came to my hand of a later Date than 16 feb<sup>r</sup> 75 nor do I find I had wrote you after s<sup>d</sup> February —

Times have been such, as that no private Buisness could be followed. But now it becomes necessary; or our Wood & timber will be all Stolen from us

In the Letter I wrote first about the Lands between Lyndebor<sup>o</sup> & Peterbor<sup>o</sup>—I then Acquainted your Propriety, that it would be better for us, to pay the Loss, than be at the Charge, of new laying out & Marking the Lotts—I have more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  of our Com<sup>o</sup>ns, & I now say the same—This is the mind of all of us: As we have laid out the Lotts, we were to gett done; The smal remains of our Com<sup>o</sup>ns we must devide, & not let it lay longer—If we have Intrench<sup>d</sup> on the Gr<sup>d</sup> Proprietors Interest (w<sup>ch</sup> I am sure is not so) We will Submit it, to Three Persons to Judge, how much we have Eneerach<sup>d</sup>; and pay for as much, as we have over—S<sup>r</sup> althô I might write you, that M<sup>r</sup> Holt, had told me, they had bought from M<sup>r</sup> Borlands Farm, 1300 Acres as far as to N End of Lyndebor<sup>o</sup> yet I suppose that was a Mistake, as Peterb<sup>o</sup> goes nor so far north as Lyndebor<sup>o</sup> by more than 200 rods—on the W<sup>th</sup> Line—If so, they leave a peice of poor pine Land of your 1000 Acres reserved in Wallingsford Lot N<sup>o</sup> 8—

I beg you would Ask D<sup>r</sup> Rogers, or some that Transacted the Affair; and please to write me how far North the Strip runs? how Wide it is at the North End? and as near as they can, the Quantity of the Tract Sold?

I send you a Copy of one Attested by you; of Cap<sup>t</sup> R<sup>o</sup> Fletcher return of y<sup>e</sup> 200 Ac<sup>ts</sup> Lotts laid out 1759—by w<sup>ch</sup> youl find the S<sup>r</sup>

Lotts lying west from his Lott, measured 275 rods; whereas we desire only 260 rods from his Lott to our West Line

I am with great respect

S<sup>r</sup> Your most Obed<sup>t</sup> Servant

Benj<sup>a</sup> Lynde

[*Second Division of Reserved Lots, 1779.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Jan. 5, 1779.]

State of } Portsmouth January 5<sup>th</sup> 1779 Tuesday three of  
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon, at the House of m<sup>r</sup> John  
Penhallow improved by him as a Store The Proprietors meet according to adjournment—

Whereas the Grantees of Lyndsborough by their Clerk Benjamin Lynde Esq<sup>r</sup> have returned to the Proprietors the Grantors two Surveys and Plans containing eight Lotts in each Plan, intended as another division of the Grantors Reservation in the Township of Lyndsborough, and desired that the Grantors would make a Draft and Severance of the Same—The Proprietors consent and agree to draw the Lotts in each Plan at this present Meeting viz<sup>t</sup> eight of Said Lotts numbered one to eight containing about one hundred thirty Acres of land, as Surveyed and delineated on the Plan returned by John Sheppard jun<sup>r</sup> Esq<sup>r</sup> in the year 1766, Said Lotts bounding on Amherst line, on New Boston and common Land in Lyndsborough. The other eight Lotts numbered one to eight containing one hundred & fifty or more Acres, each lott, bounding on the West line of Lyndsborough, on the late Col. Walingford's great Lot numbered eight in the Society land so called, common land in Lyndsborough, on Second division Lot N<sup>o</sup> 118, on Robert Fletchers 150 Acres, and on Peirce and Moor's Lot N<sup>o</sup> 3 of first division of Reservation, or as the Same Lotts were surveyed and delineated on a Plan returned by Osgood Carlton Surveyor April 24<sup>th</sup> 1773.—Notwithstanding the unequal Quantity of the Lotts in the Plans returned as aforesaid, and there may be also a difference in Quality of the Soil of the land represented in the Said Plans; However to make a further Severance of the land reserved in Lyndsborough, it is agreed & resolved to take the Chance of a Draft of the Lotts as they are represented in Said Plans—Therefore Voted that the Lotts be now drawn for to each Proprietors Right or Share, as they are represented in Said Plans—and that either of the Lotts so drawn to any of the Proprietors Right or share, shall be entered to their respective names, and Such lot so entered Shall be a Severance of the Same, to have and to hold to

each Right or Share of Said Proprietors their Heirs and Assigns, in Severalty, and the Sixteenth Lott not drawn to any Proprietors Right, be reserved for the Proprietors use in Common, and shall be disposed of to defrey the Expences of the Propriety, as they shall order—

The Draft of the Second Division of the Proprietors Reservation in Lyndsborough, pursuant to the foregoing Vote, and agreeable to the Lotts mentioned in the Plans above mentioned—viz<sup>t</sup>

The Lotts in Jn<sup>o</sup> Sheppards Plan q<sup>t</sup> 30 Acres

1 <sup>st</sup> To Mark H Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup> Lot . . . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 7
2 <sup>d</sup> To Thomlinson & Mason . . . . .	3
8 <sup>th</sup> To Joth <sup>m</sup> Odiorne Esq <sup>rs</sup> Right . . . . .	8
9 <sup>th</sup> To Theodore Atkinson Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	6
10 To Solly & March . . . . .	2
11 To Tho <sup>s</sup> Walingford Esq <sup>rs</sup> Right . . . . .	4
15 To Tho <sup>s</sup> Packer Esq <sup>rs</sup> Right . . . . .	1
16 To Proprietors in Common . . . . .	5

The Lotts in Osgood Carltons Plan q<sup>t</sup> 150 Acres

3 <sup>d</sup> To Blanchard Meserve & C <sup>o</sup> Lot . . . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 2
4 <sup>th</sup> To John Rindge . . . . .	8
5 <sup>th</sup> To George Jaffrey . . . . .	4
6 <sup>th</sup> To Peirce & Moore . . . . .	6
7 <sup>th</sup> To Joshua Peirce Esq <sup>rs</sup> Right . . . . .	1
12 <sup>th</sup> To John Moffatt Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	5
13 To Jn <sup>o</sup> Wentworth Esq <sup>rs</sup> Right . . . . .	3
14 To Richard Wibird Esq <sup>rs</sup> Right . . . . .	7

[*Benjamin Lynde to Proprietors, 1779.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 114.*]

Salem 30 Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1779

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sir I have the Pleasure of yours of the 5<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> Acquainting me, that, The Gr<sup>d</sup> Proprietors have drawn their 2<sup>d</sup> devission Rights in Lyndbor<sup>o</sup>—but you have wholly Mistaken the Two rights I claim—

The one, of which was Col<sup>o</sup> Blanchard for setling the Interest & Agreeing with the Agents, of the Massachus<sup>ts</sup> the other was what I bought of his, from the Right of Meservy Green & Blanchards, & Blanchard, on A Devision had the share in Lyndbor<sup>o</sup> so that there should have been 16, Shares with that Given to Col<sup>o</sup> Blanchard for

setling—I had no part of Soly & March's share; that as Col<sup>o</sup> March told me, was his Cousin Woodbridges, as the 200 Acres N<sup>o</sup> 16—

I can say nothing of your 200 Acre formerly, or your Draft now;

I Wonder none of the Proprietors should Remember that Col<sup>o</sup> Blanchard Assigns were to have a right as agent—

My Letter of 1<sup>st</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1773 mention your Drawing for my Two Rights I bought of Col<sup>o</sup> Blanchard, viz one as Agent for the Proprietors & the other for Meservy Green & Blanchard

I blieve the 16<sup>th</sup> Lott or N<sup>o</sup> 5 in Sheppard Plan, is where the Land is poor, & none Would Chuse it—I should not like it for one of Blanchards—Unless its by a new Lott—

I should be Glad to Know, Wether Your State in the Tax Act for Selling non Resident Lands, gave a Liberty of Redeeming Lands, with paying Double Interest & Costs—a Privildge granted in the Massach<sup>t</sup> State—Should it be otherwise I dont see, but that for a trifling Tax, a Man may be Divested of his Land, by the Vendors Cutting & Carrying off the Timber & Wood, worth more than y<sup>e</sup> Land it self

I am with Respects Hon Sir

Your most obedient

Benj<sup>a</sup> Lynde

[*Benjamin Lynde to Proprietors, 1779.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 115.*]

Salem 30 April 1779

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sir Yours of the 26 of Feb<sup>ry</sup> after laying at the Tavern at last Came to Hand—It fills me with great Surprise—That after a fair Purchase of Col<sup>o</sup> Blanchard heirs on 6<sup>th</sup> Apr<sup>l</sup> 1759 Recorded with you—I should meet with such Loss—

I was present at your Meeting on y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> July 1760—& then Drew for Col<sup>o</sup> Blanchard N<sup>o</sup> 1 & 5 Two Lotts & then Mentioned that We had Given him one hundred pounds, Cash & 500 Acres of Land out of the Setlers part, for good terms—and when I Wrote M<sup>r</sup> Peirce deceas<sup>d</sup> he Writes, Col<sup>o</sup> Blanchard agreed to have a Right thro<sup>ut</sup> out in Every Town, he as Agent for the Masonian Propriety Setled with the Massachuset Men—nor was there at the meeting any the least Objection to his 2 Rights—The Hon<sup>o</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> Atkinson, The Hon<sup>l</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Wentworth, M<sup>r</sup> Peirce & Your Self, as I perfectly Remember were at s<sup>d</sup> Meeting—

The Proposal of Omitting the Law Lotts, was from my Self to M<sup>r</sup>

D Peirce, supposing that 3 Gent<sup>l</sup> had each of them 200 Acr<sup>s</sup> in the 1<sup>st</sup> Devission, they might be Contented with it, as they never did any thing for that Town—& he writes me, you, were all of that Opinion—

I cant but think it verry Hard, that when I Ask't your drawing my 2 Lotts & perticularly Mention who I had them of in my Letter Sep<sup>r</sup> 1778 "That you would Draw my Two Rights bought of Col<sup>o</sup> Blanchard, viz one as he was Agent for the Proprietors—& the "other for his, Meservy & Green's right—

So also when there was some Difficulty ab<sup>o</sup> the Location, I then Wrote you as Clerk, that a[s] I had 2 Rights in the 16 Lotts, it was my high Concern—& then also Mention for whom

Also in my Letter to the Hon M<sup>r</sup> Peirce in the fall of 1769 I Write, who my Rights were from—one fr<sup>o</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> Blanchard as agent, & one more from him, Meservy &c—sometime after Dec<sup>r</sup> 1761, he had Mention'd my proposal to the Propt<sup>s</sup> & they all agreed to it—

M<sup>r</sup> Peirce in Answer to a Letter I wrote of the 26 Oct<sup>o</sup> 1761, Writes me, that at a Meeting, the Proprietors were full with me in Sentiment, That the Two hundred acres Already Allotted to the Three Gent<sup>l</sup> of the Law, was Sufficient

In the same Letter he writes, that the Power to Dispose of Lands in Lyndbor<sup>o</sup> was Discretionary in Col<sup>o</sup> Blanchard—and goes on in that Strain—Then Says, *We Imagine That the Lands He disposed of, "was as much out of the Proprietors Reach, as if they had Conveyed it, "themselves—!*

This was the Apprehension then—& now to be Disputed: can be neither *Just* or *fair*, with a Legl or Honest Purchaser, who ought not to be Thrust out of his Right in such a Manner It is verry hard that when by my proposal, Each one, is So Advanc'd in their Interest, I only must be the Sufferer—

Surely my Letter of y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> Octob<sup>r</sup> 1778 where I Wrote "My Interest of <sup>2</sup>/<sub>15</sub><sup>th</sup> in the Gr<sup>d</sup> Proprietors Lotts, I do not like to *ly so* :—might have remembred you, Sir, of it—But if Finally, I can have nothing for it, I must seek my Remedy where I may have it, th<sup>o</sup> with great Loss—I am Sir

Your most Hum<sup>bl</sup> Servant

Benj<sup>a</sup> Lynde

[Grant of Lot to Joseph Blanchard, 1779.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, June 23, 1779.]

State of } Portsmouth June 23<sup>d</sup> 1779 Wednesday three of  
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon, at the House improved by

m<sup>r</sup> John Penballow as a Store, the Proprietors meet according to adjournment

The Proprietors, at their Meeting held on the fifth day of January 1779, took into Consideration the Sixteen Lotts in Lyndsborough, surveyed and Planned by John Sheppard jun<sup>r</sup> Esq<sup>r</sup> and Osgood Carlton, which Plans were returned by the Grantees of Lyndsborough to the Proprietors, the Grantors, as their Second Division of their Reservation in Said Township of Lyndsborough—and Voted that y<sup>e</sup> Said Lotts Should be then drawn for to the Rights of the fifteen original Proprietor's Shares—and not then knowing that any appropriation had been made of the Sixteenth Lot, it was also voted that it should be appropriated for the Proprietors use in Common to be disposed of to defrey the Expences of the Propriety—Since y<sup>e</sup> passing of Said Vote, Benjamin Lynde Esq<sup>r</sup> hath claimed one of the Said Sixteen Lotts, as part of a whole Proprietors Share in Said, Lyndsborough, which he purchased of Joseph Blanchard Esq<sup>r</sup> deceased, which Share was equal in Quantity to any of the other Shares in Said Lyndsborough and the Lotts to be drawn for with the Proprietors shares & Lotts in said Township—and which share Said Blanchard had reserved for his own use when he made the Grant or Conveyance of Said Township in behalf of the Proprietors aforesaid—& Whereas all the Said Sixteen Lotts were fairly drawn for at Said Meeting, to the Rights of the fifteen original Proprietors, and entered as drawn to them, as a Severance of the Same to their Respective Rights—and Lot N<sup>o</sup> 5 in Sheppards Plan was drawn for the Proprietors use in Common as aforesaid—Therefore Voted that the Said Lot N<sup>o</sup> 5 in Sheppards Plan be and hereby is granted appropriated and Severed, to the Said Blanchard's heir's and assigns as the Second division of his whole Right or share be reserved to himself as aforesaid, to have and to hold the Same, in the Same manner as conveyed by Said Blanchard—notwithstanding the Vote & Draft of Said Lot N<sup>o</sup> 5 on the fifth day of January as aforesaid for the Proprietors use in Common—

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[*S. Walter to Proprietors, 1797.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 116.*]

Boston 16 Nov<sup>r</sup> 1797

Dear Sir Col<sup>o</sup> Hutchinson has long been pursuing his Right to a Tract of Land which was laid out by Col<sup>o</sup> Blanchard as Agent for the masonian Proprietors at the Distance of one mile & half or two Miles from the Corner of New Boston Addition—this Grant if I rightly understand the Matter was prior to the Grant or Charter of

Lyndeboro—and was intended to have been brought into the N E Corner of Lyndeboro when that Charter was granted. but by a strange Mistake of Fletcher in running the Boundary Line of Lyndeboro on that Side of the Town there is only one short mile from the Corner of New Boston Addition—and Consequently this Grant of Blanchards does not come within the Township of Lyndeboro but is actually at a Distance from it—Fletcher afterward Acknowledged his Error & went with Carlton who is now alive in this Town & is ready to testify on oath that Fletcher went with him & shewed him where the true bounds ought to be—but Beatie & others purchasing under Wallingford had got possession of the Land & woud not deliver it up without a Law suit—the Proprietors of Lyndeboro were unwilling to engage in a Lawsuit for the Recovery of their Right—and thus lost several hundred Acres of Land on that Side which they are justly intitled to at this day—but Col<sup>o</sup> Hutchinson thinks he can not lose his Interest and that the masonian Proprietors under whom Col<sup>o</sup> Blanchard acted ought to see him righted or give him an equivalent—this is the purport of his present Journey & has desired me to give him a Line of Introduction to you with a general Statement of the Business,

with great Esteem & respect I remain

D<sup>r</sup> Sir Your hum<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

S Walter (?)

[*Petition of Israel Hutchinson, 1798.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 117.*]

To the Masonian Proprietor or proprietor of the Right of John Suston Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in the State of Newhampshire

Gentlemen In December 1753 Joseph Blanchard Esq<sup>r</sup> as your agent by his deed conveyed to Benjamin Lynde and others Since called the Lyndeborough proprietors, a tract of land containing twenty eight thousand acres, called Lyndeborough particularly bounded as expressed in the Said Deed reserving however a part of the Said tract within the Said bounds and among other lots therein reserved, he reserved a lot of one hundred & fifty acres in the North-east corner of Said Lyndeborough which corner is described in the Same deed to be one mile & a half North from the South west corner of New Boston called Hustans corner, also to be at a marked tree—on the eighteenth day of may 1754 the Said Joseph Blanchard as your agent & by Virtue of the power & authority vested in him

by your propriety, by his deed conveyed to Joseph Richardson, his heirs & assigns, all the right title Interest and possession of your Said propriety in one hundred & fifty acres of land lying within the tracts of land called Lyndeburgh on the Notherly part thereof following the description of Said reserved lot bounded as follows, viz beginning at the former bounds of Lyndebor<sup>o</sup> where it Joins to New Boston West line about one Mile & a half from New Boston Southerly corner and runs from thence West one hundred & Sixty Rods by Lyndeborough North line thence South one hundred & fifty Rods, thence East one hundred & sixty Rods to New Boston line thence notherly by New Boston Line one hundred & fifty Rods to the first mentioned bounds, to have & to hold the Same forever free and Clear—

afterwards I purchased the Same one hundred & fifty Acres by the Same bounds & Sold the Same by the Same bounds to Joshua Balch and took his note of hand for the consideration money. In 1771 Osgood Carlton Surveyor assisted by Robert Fletcher Esq<sup>r</sup> another Surveyor at the request of Judge Lynde one of the Lyndebor<sup>o</sup> Committee proceeded to locate the Same peice of land according to his direction and to the Said Several deeds and first to fix the S<sup>o</sup> Northeast corner of Said Lyndebor<sup>o</sup>, they measured from Said Hustons corner a point I understand well Settled Northerly one mile & a half on the West line of New Boston agreeable to the deed Said Blanchard first above mentioned, and there fixed the Said Northeast corner of Lyndiborough, in the Said West line of New Boston at a point one mile and a half from the Said Hustans corner being the most Southwesterly corner of New Boston mentioned in the Said Deed and their laid out the Said 150 Acres in the Said Northeast corner according to the grant aforesaid and by the bounds aforesaid—

Having commenced an action on Said note in order to recover the Contents of it against Mary Balch the Executrix of the Said Joshua Balch, in a trial therein which was had in the Superior Court of Newhampshire in October 1795 She recovered against me a bill of costs of Eighty nine dollars on the ground that Said Blanchards deed it not being within the Said North line of Lyndeborough, and therefore that the consideration of the Said Note was not good whereby I have lost the Said note; Said Eighty nine dollars Costs & upwards of Sixty dollars Costs more as will appear thus in locating the Said lot the Northeast Corner thereof is made to coecide with the Said Northeast Corner of lyndeborough and that according to Said Blanchards deed and plan fixed at a point one mile & a half North of



Hustons corner in New Boston West line, and by the decision of the Court in the two Actions brought in 1787. by the Said execution one against Rich<sup>d</sup> Batten & the other against Andrew Cressey it appears the Said lot cannot be laid out or extend further South, and by finally fixing the Said northeast Corner of Lyndebor<sup>o</sup> at a point only about one mile and a quarter from Said Hustons corner instead of a mile & a half, about Eight fifteenths of Said lot the Notherly parts of it fall within the Society lands So called and So without the limits of S<sup>d</sup> Lyndebor<sup>o</sup> & without title under Said deed of Blanchards It is clear from Said deed that your propriety meant to grant and the Said Richardson intended to buy 150 acres of land in the Northeast corner of Lyndebor<sup>o</sup> which your propriety reserved in the grant or confirmation of that township and not a disputed right— In Conveying the lands north of Lyndebor<sup>o</sup> in 1767 the parties follow up their line to the north West corner of New Boston and then measure South one Mile on the west line of that Town to a hemlock tree, then West 3 miles and a quarter by Lyndebor<sup>o</sup> hence they & your propriety made it two miles & a half from Said north West corner of New Boston to Said Hustons corner as appears by their deed and Said Blanchards deed first above mentioned but it is now Stated that this line is found to be only about two miles & a quarter long and that no particular tree was ever run to or marked as making the corner as mentioned in Said deeds, and hence this Vexatious dispute & difficulty arises, and perhaps the boundary lines of Lyndebor<sup>o</sup> traced as described in Blanchards deed could never be made to meet and would if followed embrace more than the 28,000 acres, if from the consideration of these errors you and the Lyndbor<sup>o</sup> proprietors have been induced to allow the Said northeast corner of Lyndbor<sup>o</sup> Expresly fixed in your Said grant in 1753 to be at a point one mile & a half north of Said hustons corner to be moved about 80 Rods South towards S<sup>d</sup> corner and this by concession and Admeasurments made since your grant, under which Said lot is held, I persuade myself you will not hessitate to defend or compensate for Such parts of that Eighty Rods as were located previous to Such Concessions under your grants—

Wherefore I have to request you to indemnify me in the premisses by allowing other lands or monies that Shall be a reasonable compensation—

Danvers Feb: 5<sup>th</sup> 1798

Israel Hutchinson

[*Nathan Dane to Proprietors, 1798.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 118.*]

Beverly March 10, 1798

Sir Col<sup>o</sup> Israel Hutchinson yesterday received Your letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup> owing probably to the circumstance that there is no post office in Danvers, and which induces him to wish you to direct your letters on the subject in question to me—he would have attended your meeting of the 5<sup>th</sup> instant had he received information of it in season and he will hold himself under many obligations to you to inform me by the post when your next meeting will be and what measures, if any, the proprietors have adopted relative to his petition—what information they want from him—and whether they wish him to attend them in person, and when it may most convenient for them &c with esteem and regard

Your humble servant

Geo. Jeffrey Esq<sup>r</sup>

Nathan Dane

#### MANCHESTER.

[Granted by Massachusetts April 17, 1735, to Capt. William Tyng's "snowshoe men," and hence called *Tyng's-town*. Also known as *Harrytown* or *Old Harrytown*. Incorporated as *Derryfield* Sept. 3, 1751. The first town meeting was held in John Hall's house, Sept. 23, 1751. A gore of land was annexed to the north side Dec. 4, 1795. The name of the town was changed to Manchester June 13, 1810. A city charter was granted July 10, 1846. "Amoskeag" was severed from Goffstown and "Piscataquog" or "Squog" from Bedford and annexed July 1, 1853.

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters in preceding volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 151; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 540; Index to Laws, 305; History, by Chandler E. Potter, 1856, pp. 764; History, by John B. Clarke, 1875, pp. 463; sketch, 4, Granite Monthly, 418; sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 40; brief historical sketch, compiled by Manchester Board of Trade, 1890, pp. 83; Dedication of Masonic Temple, 1870, pub. 1871, pp. 32; Dedication of Masonic Hall, address, by H. E. Burnham, 1890, pp. 40; Bibliography, by S. C. Gould, 1885; Dedication of Soldiers' Monument, 1879; Memoir of John Stark, by Caleb Stark, 1870; Life and Public Services of Frederick Smyth, by B. P. Poore and F. B. Eaton, 1885; Dedication of Franklin St. Congregational Church, 1847; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 198, 202, 205; Centennial Sermon, by J. M. Durell, 1884; Account of, History of the Merrimack Valley, by A. Poore, 1857, p. 209; History and Present Condition of the Manufactures, 1, Granite Monthly, 21; "Namooskeag" Falls and the Amoskeag Manufacturing Co., 12, Farmer's Monthly Visitor, 289; Quarter Centennial Pastorale of First Congregational Church, by C. W. Wallace, 1865; Letter of Resignation and Commemorative Discourse, by C. W. Wallace, 1873; Report of First Unitarian Society, 1893.]

[*John Duncan's Petition, 1748.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 119.]

Portsm<sup>o</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1748

To the Gentlemen Proprietors & Purchasers of John Tufton Mason Esqur his Right in Lands in y<sup>e</sup> Province of New Hampsher

I the Subscriber having for eighteen years past having improved and fenced ab<sup>t</sup> thirty Acres of land lying betwixt great Cohas & little Cohas and plowed ab<sup>t</sup> ten Acres of the Same This is to humbly pray that you would grant to me the Said tract of land when you make a grant of it with y<sup>e</sup> Adjacent lands which I desire to take upon Such Terms & Conditions as shall Seem to you meet and you will very much oblige

Gent<sup>m</sup> your most Hum serv<sup>t</sup>

John Duncan

[*Petition of Thomas George and Others, 1748-9.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 120.]

Province of } Portsmouth February y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1748  
 New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> } To the Honb<sup>le</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esqur and Others Purchasers of John Tufton Mason Esqur his Right in Lands in Said Province Humbly Shews

That we the Subscribers having purchased Sundry Tracts of Land from one hundred & fifty Acres to Sixty Acres, in a place known by the name of Ting's Town, Scituate between y<sup>e</sup> easterly side of Merrimack River and y<sup>e</sup> west line of Londonderry and that we have Dwelt and improved upon our Purchases, from thirteen to nine years past

and allowing Mason's Right prior and better to Said Lands than that of the Person's of whom we purchased, And as you have purchased Mason's Right in Said Lands We make our Petition to you that you would Confirm to us our Respective purchases & Improvements aforesaid (for which we refer to our Deeds) on Such Terms Conditions & Limitations as you shall think best for yourselves and your Humble Petitioners

Thomas gorge

Moses Wells

Abraham merrill

Benjamin Stevens

Samuel Parham

John Jewel

William Quenby

Eliezer wells

Caleb Dalton

January y<sup>e</sup> thirtieth 1748 9

Wee the petitioners then personally met together and have Joyntly and Severaly impowred thomas George to enter our humble petition to the Gentlemen lords of the Sile to secure to us our livings

Thomas gorge	Joseph George	Abraham merrill
Benjamin Stevens	Samuel parham	Ebenezer X Stevens <sup>his</sup>
John Jewel	william Quenby	Eliezer wells <sup>mark</sup>
Moses Wells		

[*Petition of Elizabeth Rand, 1749.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 121.*]

Province of } Portsmouth 12<sup>th</sup> April 1749.  
New Hampshire } The memorial & Petition of Eliz<sup>th</sup> Rand of Harry's Town Widow of Robert Rand Deceas'd Humbly Sheweth

To the Honourable Theod<sup>r</sup> Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> & and the other Gent<sup>a</sup> Purchasers & Proprietors of Capt John Tufton Mason his Right in Lands in the Province of New Hampshire—

That the General Court of the Prov<sup>e</sup> of the Massachusetts Bay held at Boston April y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1734, upon Consideration of Eminent Service done by Thomas Goffe Esq<sup>r</sup> Great Uncle to the Said Robert Rand, in Advancing the Settlement of their Late Colony, Did Grant unto the Said Robert One thousand Acres of Land in Said Harry's Town, which one Thous<sup>d</sup> Acres is Commonly known by the name of Rands Farm, & Scituate on the Eastward side of Merimack. About fourteen years past one Ephr<sup>m</sup> Bushell built a Frame of a Dwelling House upon the premises, but upon Information of the title of S<sup>d</sup> Rand to the Land, he quitted, Said Rand paying him for his frame, which afterwards he finished & Dwelt therein with his Family about Eighteen months.—And one M<sup>r</sup> Duncan of London Derry about the Same time, enclosed about Three Acres & Cleared & broke up about half an Acre near S<sup>d</sup> House which Improvement he Surrender'd to Said Robert, And John Goffe Esq<sup>r</sup> Improved between 4 & 5 Acres of Said Farm On the westerly Side of Cohas Brook just by Merimack River & built a Log House thereon, who held possession of the Same, So that the Said Robert by the Assistance of his Brother Doct<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Rand Sued S<sup>d</sup> Goffe for S<sup>d</sup> Land who promised to Go off the premises if Said Robert would Drop his Action against him therefor, who Removed himself and Family but placed his Father thereon & one Robert Walker & James Walker had Enclosed near One hundred Acres of Said Farm, and Improved about Eight Acres by planting

which parcell of Land is Lying Contiguous to the Improvement of John Goffe aforesaid westerly & by the River Merimack Southerly—About 12 years since the Said Robert Rand Demanding of the Said Robert & James Walker this Land, the Said James Walker being under age, Said Robert Walker his Brother Engaged for him Viz<sup>t</sup> That they would quit their Said Possession & Improvement upon Condition S<sup>d</sup> Robert Rand would pay them for their Improvement in Said farm which the Said Rob<sup>t</sup> Rand Agreed to, And Accordingly it was Referr'd to Men mutually Chosen by the Said parties to Judge what the Said Robert Rand Shou'd pay to the S<sup>d</sup> Robert & James Walker For their Said Improvement, & that according to the Report of the Said Referrees, the Said Rob<sup>t</sup> Rand paid the Said Rob<sup>t</sup> & James Walker money for their S<sup>d</sup> Improvem<sup>t</sup> & the S<sup>d</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Walker quitted his Said Improvement to the Said Robert Rand, thereupon applied to Coll<sup>l</sup> Blanchard for Advice for Further proceeding (who is well acquainted with the Affairs Relating to Said Farm), and Afterwards James Walker agreed to quit upon Consideration of Reaping Two Thirds of the Crop then on the ground—And that one Smith Fenced & Improved about 4 Acres of Said Farm Joining upon Said Walkers Improvements, and by the River Merimack who Gave the Said Robert Rand Six Bushels Corn for his Improved & quitted.—

And that Your Petitioner has a Daughter a Widdow with Four Small Children who lives on a part of Said Farm Containing about Forty Acres joining upon the Land Improved by the Rob<sup>t</sup> & J<sup>s</sup> Walker—Tho' the Said Robert promised her his S<sup>d</sup> Daughter 100 Acres of S<sup>d</sup> Farm, and also promised your Petitioner on his Death bed One hundred Acres more of Said farm—And that your petitioner (upon the Removal of the S<sup>d</sup> R<sup>t</sup> & J<sup>s</sup> Walker) Settled with the Said Rob<sup>t</sup> Rand her husband, upon the Said one hund<sup>d</sup> Acres and Dwelt there for about five or Six years when he Died & was buried—And when the Southern boundary Line between the Provinces of the Massachusetts bay & New Hampshire, the whole of Said Grant from the Gener<sup>l</sup> Court of the Massachusetts Bay, fell within, by which Accident your Memorialist Aprehends the Greatest part of Said 1000 Acres falls allso within Londonderry Charter Bounds, and the Said John Goffe Esq<sup>r</sup> who only improved about 4 or 5 Acres, has Since Enclosed and Improved a Large Farm out of your petitioners Grant And Since the Commencement of the warr, your petitioner Improved part of the Said 100 Acres for Two years & Continued in the peaceable possession thereof till about a fortnight past your petitioner Removed to Said place to Dwell there and after being there Eight Days John Goffe Esq<sup>r</sup> aforesaid hath Enclosed the whole 100 Acres your petitioner is possessed of and am fearfull with an Evil Intention of Cir-

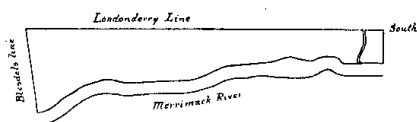
cumventing & Defrauding your petitioner of that part of the 1000 Acre Grant, more Especially as he did in a formall manner before 8 or 9 witnesses warn your petitioner to move out of Said premisses Claiming the Same as his property for that he had a Conveyance thereof from you the proprietors of masons Right &c.—Wherefore your petitioner humbly prays that as the said Robert Rand Deceas'd my Late Husband was at the time of the Grant of the General Court of the Massachusetts Bay of the thousand acres of Land: in Good Circumstances having full & Constant Employment at his trade of Sail making which Employment he quitted to settle and Improve this Land So Granted to him as aforesaid but by Reason of the molestation of Persons who were Trespassers on Said Tract, The Running of the Dividing Line between S<sup>d</sup> Provinces, so as that the Grant afores<sup>d</sup> Conveyed no Real Title to the Premises, And the Grant to Londonderry Proprietors Comprehending the Greatest part of Said 1000 Acres, And the Attempts of Sundry persons to Get into Possession of and to Obtain Grants from your honours the proprietors of what parts of the 1000 Acres of Good Land aforesaid is not within any Township or that Some Persons have without Leave or Licence made Some Improvements in, And more Especially John Goffe Esq<sup>r</sup> his Attempts or Aims of Supplanting y<sup>r</sup> petitioner of that small piece of Ground that was Enclosed as aforesaid by which means the Substance of the S<sup>d</sup> Robert was Diminished before his Death & under went much Fatigue & Difficulty by Reason of his Endeavouring to settle & Improve the Premises before his Decease, & Since your Petitioner is Exceedingly Reduced by means aforesaid, having no Means or place of Living but on the premises which affords at Best a very small subsistance, being thus Reduced to Such Needy Circumstances I humbly pray you would take into Consideration my Deplorable state & of that of my Widow Daughter and her Fatherless Children and Grant us what Releif and favour in the premises you Shall think meet—And Your Petitioner Shall Ever pray &c—

The Mark of Eliza<sup>th</sup> E Rand—

[Endorsed] April y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1749 Resolved to grand to Eliz<sup>a</sup> Rand widow 60 Acres & To Eliz<sup>a</sup> Secomb widow 40 Acres in y<sup>e</sup> land called Rans Farm—

[*Plan of Rand's Farm, Nov. 5, 1748.*]

A Plan of that part of that tract of land called Rans Farm lying between Londonderry west line so called & merrimack now in Possession of Jn<sup>o</sup> Goffe & James Walker—



Province of } Portsmouth November y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1748—  
 New Hampshire } To the Gentlemen Purchasers & Proprietors  
 of Cap<sup>t</sup> John Tufton Mason Esqu<sup>r</sup> his Right in Lands within Said  
 Province—

I the Subscriber in behalfe of James Walker and myselfe represent that y<sup>e</sup> tract of land included within y<sup>e</sup> above Plan was claimed by Doctor William Ran by virtue of a grant from y<sup>e</sup> Province of y<sup>e</sup> Mass<sup>a</sup> Bay about which a Suit at law was had in y<sup>e</sup> Prov<sup>o</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Mass<sup>a</sup> Bay between y<sup>e</sup> said Ran and y<sup>e</sup> Subscriber for y<sup>e</sup> Property of Said Tract—against whom y<sup>e</sup> Subscriber Recover'd a Judgement upon y<sup>e</sup> Premises against Said Rann in or about y<sup>e</sup> year 1735—and as Said Tract is within your Right we pray your favour that as y<sup>e</sup> Said Walker and myselfe are in y<sup>e</sup> Possession & improvement of y<sup>e</sup> said Tract, namely of about two thirds thereof—that you would grant our Possession & improvement to us and the other third thereof reserve to your own Use & disposall your Compliance herein will very much oblige said walker in whose behalfe I am and also your most Hum: Serv<sup>t</sup>

John Goffe

[*Proprietors to John Goffe, 1749.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 122.*]

Jn<sup>o</sup> Goffe Esq<sup>ur</sup>

S<sup>r</sup> The Prop<sup>rs</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqu<sup>r</sup> desirous of preserving all y<sup>e</sup> Timber on a Tract of Land lying between Londonderry & merrimack River Litchfield & Chester Line; make it their Request of you that you would prevent any person whatsoever from Cuting felling Wasting or making any Strip upon Said Tract and if any person should so do (notwithstanding our Claim to said timber &<sup>ct</sup>) you are desired to make proper observation thereof and Endeavour to get such Evidence as may prove a Trespass in order to have a prosecution made against any Trespasser wherein you will oblige the said Proprietors by whose desire & Direction this is from

Y<sup>r</sup> Humble Servt

Portsm<sup>o</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1749—

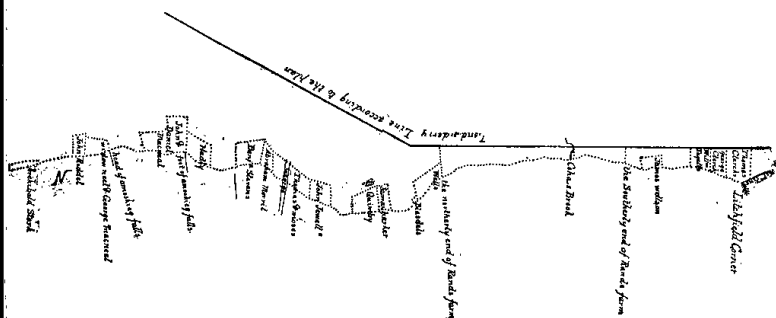
Geo: Jaffrey

[*Plan of A Strip of Land between Merrimack, Londonderry, Litchfield, and Chester.*]

In this plan I have Measured one Side of Every improvement and as near as I Could Guess by that I have Discribed the land now in actual improvement and have write Down Each mans name as he now has it (Quimby's house not Standing in his improvement more improvements than what is here is on the land and Some Done within this five year that is not as yet Mentioned) Laid down by a Scal of 160 Rods to an Inch

Math<sup>v</sup> Patten

I have Mentioned no Improvements on Rands farm altho there is a Considerable Done Intirely from one end of the farm to the other— The northerly Streak of Derry line of from the River Interfers with Chester westerly line



[*Reserved Lots in Manchester, 1751.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Dec. 6, 1751.]

Voted that all that Tract of Land lying between the lines of Litchfield Londonderry Chester and Merrimack River belonging to Said Proprietors be laid out Into Eighteen equal Shares & Lots beginning on the Southerly part thereof and numbering the Lots one two and So on till the whole is laid out which Lots shall be drawn for in the usual manner & each person to whom any Lot so falls shall have hold enjoy the Same in Severalty to him his heirs and assigns, saving and Excepting all such Tracts of Land within said Bounds as have been





already granted by said Proprietors or by their Order to any person, Saving and Excepting also that ten hundred Acre Lots be first laid out at the Southerly End to Sundry persons agreeable to a Vote pass'd the thirteenth day of September 1750 granting to Such of the Proprietors one hundred Acres of Land as should go & See Said Land before the fifth of November then next, and the Remainder to be Equally divided as aforesaid Saving also one hundred Acres of land at the Southerly End aforesaid to be laid with the other hundred Acre Lots aforesaid which last mentioned hundred Acre Lot is hereby granted to Paul March his Heirs and Assigns—

The eighteen Lots mentioned in the above Vote were drawn at the meeting as follows viz<sup>t</sup>—

1 <sup>st</sup> drawn Number	1	—to John Rindge
2 <sup>d</sup>	10.	to John Moffatt Esqu <sup>r</sup>
3	7.	to John Wentworth Esqu <sup>r</sup>
4	3.	to Mark Hungk <sup>s</sup> Wentworth Esqu <sup>r</sup>
5	5.	to John Thomlinson Esqu <sup>r</sup>
6	13.	to Thomas Packer Esqu <sup>r</sup>
7	16.	to Mathew Livermore Esqu <sup>r</sup>
8	8.	to Jotham Odiorne Esqu <sup>r</sup> his Right
9	6	to George Jaffrey
10	17.	to Sam <sup>l</sup> Solly & Clem <sup>t</sup> March Esqu <sup>r</sup>
11	18.	to Thomas Walingford Esqu <sup>r</sup>
12	11.	to William Parker Esqu <sup>r</sup>
13	9.	to Theodore Atkinson Esqu <sup>r</sup>
14	2.	to Richard Wibird Esqu <sup>r</sup>
15	4.	to M <sup>rs</sup> Mary Moore & Dan <sup>l</sup> Peirce Esqu <sup>r</sup>
16	14.	to John Thomlinson & Jn <sup>o</sup> Tufton Mason Esqu <sup>rs</sup>
17	15	to Joshua Peirce Esqu <sup>r</sup>
18	12	to Nath <sup>l</sup> Meserve Esqu <sup>r</sup> his Original Right

[*Ten Lots Reserved in Manchester, 1753.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Aug. 29, 1753.]

The Draft of the Ten hundred Acre Lots mentioned in the Vote pass'd y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 1751 drawn for in the usual manner—viz<sup>t</sup>—

1 <sup>st</sup> drawn Lot N <sup>o</sup>	1	to John Tufton Mason Esqu <sup>r</sup>
2 . . . . .	8.	to Josh <sup>a</sup> Peirce Esqu <sup>r</sup>
3 . . . . .	9.	to Joseph Blanchard Esqu <sup>r</sup>
4 . . . . .	10.	to Dan <sup>l</sup> Peirce Esqu <sup>r</sup>
5 . . . . .	5.	to Theodore Atkinson Esqu <sup>r</sup>
6 . . . . .	3.	to George Jaffrey
7 . . . . .	7.	to Thomas Packer Esqu <sup>r</sup>
8 . . . . .	6.	to M <sup>r</sup> John Rindge
9 . . . . .	2	to Clement March Esqu <sup>r</sup>
10 . . . . .	4.	to M <sup>r</sup> William Rindge

[*Petition of William Duncan, 1760.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 123.*]

To The Honourable the Proprietors of Lands Purchased from John Tufton Mason Esq.

The Petition of William Duncan of Londonderry In the Province of New-Hampshire, Humbly Shews.

That in or About Anno: Domini: 1730. On the Southerly Side & Adjoining to Great Cohaas-Brook where it Emities into Merrymac River Your Petitioner Fenced & Clear'd A field of thirty Acres, & Improv'd the Same for Corn & Rye, Untill your Honours, gave it to the Widow Rand, At the Request of John Goffee Esq.

And Whereas the Inhabitants of Sundry Whole Towns, & In other Towns Many Individuals, are quieted in their Possessions, by your Disinterested Goodness, which for the Reason Above Cannot be Dun to me. Yet by Your Clemency to others I am Encouraged, Humbly to pray Your Honours to Consider My Loss & Grant me the Islands in Merrymac River near to, & below Amaskeeg Falls, or Such other Donation, as in your great Wisdom, & Usual bounty, you Judge Equitable & your Petitioner, as in Duty bound will ever pray—

Willeam Duncan

Londonderry Feb<sup>y</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> Anno: Domini: 1760.

[*Letter from Willard Hall, 1764.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 124.*]

Wesford Nov<sup>r</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1764

S<sup>r</sup> / I have directed this to you on Supposition y<sup>t</sup> you are Clerk of y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors of Mason's Grant, if I am mistaken, please to direct y<sup>e</sup>

Bearer, w<sup>th</sup> this, to y<sup>e</sup> proper Person; Who I wou'd inform y<sup>t</sup>, I had formerly a Claim to a Lot of Land near Amuskeag-Falls, granted by y<sup>e</sup> Massachusetts, w<sup>ch</sup>, when y<sup>e</sup> Aboves<sup>d</sup> Proprietors were inform'd of, (upon y<sup>e</sup> kind motion of my good Friend, Cap<sup>t</sup> Wibird) They were generously pleas'd to give to me; but in what Manner, I never knew: Now my Desire is y<sup>t</sup> you wou'd send me a Copy from y<sup>e</sup> Records of y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors, of their Doings in that affair, w<sup>ch</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Bearer hereof will satisfy you for.

Y<sup>r</sup> Humb<sup>o</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>

Willard Hall

To y<sup>e</sup> Clerk of y<sup>e</sup> Proprietors of Mason's Grant.

[James Underwood to Samuel Hobart, 1764.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 124.]

M<sup>r</sup> Hobert S<sup>r</sup> these are to Desire you the first Time you go to portsmouth to Go to m<sup>r</sup> Jaffrey who is Clerk for the Proprietors of the pattentee & Disire a Ccopy of the Records of Said Propri<sup>rs</sup> of there Grant to y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Willard Hall of Land in Derryfield & pay him for it & Leave it at Dea<sup>n</sup> Kendalls and a minit of the Cost & your Trouble & I will pay you S<sup>r</sup> Dont fail the first oppertunity as the thing is much wanted—& you will oblige your Very Hum<sup>ble</sup> Ser<sup>t</sup>

Nov<sup>r</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1764

James Underwood—

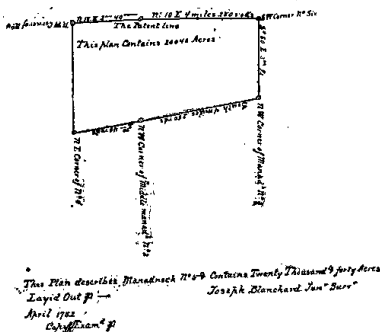
M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Hobart

## MARLBOROUGH.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors as *Monadnock No. 5*, May 20, 1752, to James Morrison and others. Many of the settlers came from Marlborough, Mass., and the town was sometimes called *New Marlborough*. On Holland's map of N. H., the town is designated as *Oxford*. Incorporated as Marlborough Dec. 13, 1776, and named from Marlborough, Mass. A small portion of Swanzey was annexed Jan. 8, 1794. A part of the town, with other territory was incorporated as Roxbury, Dec. 9, 1812. Another portion was included in the limits of Troy, incorporated June 23, 1815. A part of Dublin was annexed June 13, 1818. A tract of land was taken from Swanzey and annexed Dec. 15, 1842. The line with Troy was established June 28, 1847. A small part of Troy was annexed June 24, 1870.

See XII, Hammond Town Papers, 566; Index to Laws, 334; sketch, by S. H. McCollester, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 231; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 302; Biographical Notices of Physicians, by W. C. Whitcomb, I, N. H. Repository, 217; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 280; History, by C. A. Bemis, 1881, pp. 726; Address, at Centennial Celebration, 1876, by S. H. McCollester.]

## [Plan of Marlborough, 1752.]



## [Charter of Marlborough, 1752.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 126, and Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 110.]

Province of } Pursuant to the Power & Authority Granted &  
New Hampshire } Vested In me the Subscriber by the Prop<sup>r</sup> of  
Lands Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq. in y<sup>e</sup> Province of New  
Hampshire By their Vote Passed at their Meeting held at Portsmouth  
In s<sup>d</sup> Province the 6 Day of December—1751.—

I Do by these Presents on y<sup>e</sup> terms & Limitations hereafter Ex-  
pressed Give And Grant all the Right Possession & Property of the  
Prop<sup>r</sup> Afores<sup>d</sup> unto James Morrison Jun<sup>r</sup> Archibald Dunlap Robert  
Clark James Lyons Robert Allen Andrew Armer Halbart Morrison  
David Morrison Samuel Morrison John Morrison Thomas Morrison  
William Gillmore John Gillmore Sam<sup>l</sup> Alison Samuel Alison Jun<sup>r</sup>  
James Willson Jun<sup>r</sup> John Willson Robert Willson Thomas Willson  
Samuel Willson Samuel Steel James Moore John Wason John Coch-  
ran Isaac Cochran Thomas Cochran Samuel Cochran Hugh Montgom-  
ory Henry Neal John Moore Robert Moore Samuel Mitchell Thomas  
m<sup>c</sup>Cleary Three Shares Each & to James Willson Sen<sup>r</sup> one Share Of in  
& to that tract of Land or Township Called Manadnock Number five  
Situate in the Province of New Hampshire Containing by Estima-  
tion twenty Thousand Acres Bounded as Followeth Begining at the  
Northwest Corner Of the township Called North manadnock N<sup>o</sup>  
three & Runs from thence north Eighty Degrees west three Mills &

an half to a beach tree in the west line of Masons Patent & from thence Southerly in that line Seven Mills three quarters And fourty Roads to the Northwest Corner of the township Called Manadnock N<sup>o</sup> four from thence South Eighty Degrees East about four Mills by the North Line of S<sup>d</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 4 till it Come to the west line of Manadnock N<sup>o</sup> 2 & N<sup>o</sup> 3 to the First bounds Mentioned.

To Have and to Hold to them their heirs & Assigns on the following terms Conditions & Limitations (that is to Say that within nine months from this Date there be one Hundred & twenty three fifty Acre Lotts Lay'd out as Near the Middle the township in the best of the upland as Conveniency Will admit & Drawn for & that the Remander of the township be Divided In to one Hundred & twenty three Shares, not Exceeding two Lotts to a Share In Such Quantity as the Grantees agree upon Each Lott & Drawn for Within two years from this Date

That three of the afores<sup>d</sup> Shares be Granted & Appropriated free of all Charge one for the first Sittled Minister, one for the Ministry one for The School there forever, one Lott for Each s<sup>d</sup> Share to be Lay'd out Near the Middle of the town & Lotts Coupled to them So as to make Them Equal with the Rest.—

That twenty more of S<sup>d</sup> Shares be Reservid for the Grantors their Heirs & Assigns forever & acquitted from all Duty & Charge untill Improved by the owner & Owners or Some holding under them Respectively.

That the Owners of the Other Rights make Settlement at their own Expence in the following manner Viz<sup>t</sup> all the Lotts to be Layd out At the Grantees Expence

That all the Lotts in S<sup>d</sup> town be Subject to have all Necessary Roads Layd out through them as there Shall be Occation free from Charge for the Land

That at or before the Last day of December, 1754 there be three Acres Cleared Inclosed & fitted for Mowing or tillage on thirty of the aforementioned Grantees Shares viz<sup>t</sup> on one Share of each of the aforementioned Grantees Excepting Hugh Montgomery James Moore & Samuel Steel & from Thence annually one acre more in Like Manner for five years And that Each of Grantees have a house built on Some one Lott in s<sup>d</sup> Township of a Room Sixteen feet Squair at the Least besides the Chimney-way with a Chimney & Cellar fitt for Comfortable Dwelling therein in Six years from the Date hereof & Some Person Inhabiting & Resident in Each house & Continue Inhabitancy there for four Years then Next Coming

And that within the term of twelve years from this Date there be Seventeen Lotts more viz<sup>t</sup> one of the Rights of James Morrison Robert

Clark James Lyons Robert Allen Andrew Armer Halbart Morrison David Morrison Samuel Morrison John Morrison Thomas Morrison William Gillmore John Gillmore Samuel Alison James Willson John Willson Robert Willson James Willson Jun<sup>r</sup> have in Like manner Five Acres of Land Cleared Inclosed & fitted as afores<sup>d</sup> over & above What they are to do as afores<sup>d</sup> & each a house in manner afores<sup>d</sup> And Some Person Inhabiting therein & Continneing Inhabitaney for Three years afterwards there

That a Convenient Meeting house be built in s<sup>d</sup> township within Ten years after this Date (& finished) as near the Centre of the township As Conveniency will admit of to be Determined by a major Vote of Grantors & Grantees & ten acres of Land Reserved there for Publick use

That the afores<sup>d</sup> Grantees or their assigns Grant & assess any Sume Or Sums of Money as they Shall think Necessary for Carrying Forward & Compleating the Settlement Afores<sup>d</sup>

And any of the Grantees Exclusive of the Publick Lotts Afores<sup>d</sup> Who Shall Neglect for the Space of three months Next after Such Assessment, Shall be Granted & made to pay the Same, So Much of Such Delinquents Rights Respectively Shall and may be Sold as will pay Tax & all Charges arising thereon by a Committee of the Grantees Appointed for that Purpose

That all white pine trees fitt for Masting his Majestys Royal Navey Be & hereby are Granted to his Majesty his heirs & Successors for ever

And in Case any of the Grantees Shall Neglect & Refuse to Perform Any of the Articles Afore Mentioned by him Respectively to be done He Shall forfeit his Share & Right in S<sup>d</sup> township & every Part & Percell thereof to those of the Grantees who are not Delinquent in the Conditions on their Part Respectively to be done & it Shall & May be Lawfull for them or any Person by their Authority to Enter into & upon Such Delinquents Right & him or them Utterly to amove Oust & Expell For the use of them their heirs & assigns Provided they Settle or Cause To be Settled Such Delinquents Right within the term of one year At the furthest from the Period by this Grant Stipulated as the Conditions thereof & fully Comply with the Conditions Such Delinquent Ought to have done within one year from the time after the Respective periods thereof, & in Case the s<sup>d</sup> Grantees fulfilling their Parts as afores<sup>d</sup> Shall neglect fulfilling as afores<sup>d</sup> of any Delinquent Owner nor he him Self Perform it that then Such Share or Shares Be forfeit Revert & belong to the Grantors their heirs & assign And to be wholly at their Disposall always Provided that there be No Indian war in any of the terms Limited

as afores<sup>d</sup> for doing the Duty Conditioned in this Grant to be done & in Case that Should happen The Same time to be allowed after Such Impediment Shall be Removed

Lastly the Grantors do hereby Promis to the s<sup>d</sup> Grantees their heirs And Assigns to Defend th<sup>o</sup> the Law to King & Council if need be one Action that Shall & may be brought against them or any Number Of them by any Person or Persons whatsoever Claiming the s<sup>d</sup> Land or any Part thereof by any Other title then that of the s<sup>d</sup> Grantors or that by which they hold & Derive theirs from

Provided the Said Grantors are Avouched in to Defend the Same & in Case on finall tryall the Same Shall be Recovered over Against the Grantors the s<sup>d</sup> Grantees Shall Recover Nothing Over against the Grantors for the s<sup>d</sup> Lands Improvement or Expençe in bringing forward the Settlement

To all which Premises I Joseph Blanchard Agent for And in behalf of the Grantors have hereunto Sett My hand & Seal this twentyeth Day of May in the 25<sup>th</sup> year of his Majestys Reign Annoq Dom : 1752 —

Joseph Blanchard

{ Seal }

Att' A true Copy Examined p<sup>r</sup>

Mathew Thornton Prop<sup>rs</sup> Clerk

[*Vote of Acceptance by Marlborough Proprietors, 1752.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 125, and Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 115.]

Att A Meeting of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of the Township Called Manadnock N<sup>o</sup> 5. Held at the House of Joseph Blanchard Of Dunstable in the Province of New Hampshire Esq. — May the Twentyeth A D 1752 —

The Following Vote Passed Unanimously. —

Whereas the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Lands in the Province of New Hampshire Purchased by them of John Tufton Mason Esq. who hold them under the title Mad by A Common Recovery Did on the twentyeth day of May Afores<sup>d</sup> Grant the Quanty of Twenty Thousand acres By Estimation, part of S<sup>d</sup> Land Bounded as followeth Begining at the North-west Corner of the Township Called North Manadnock N<sup>o</sup> 3 & Runs from thence North Eighty Degrees west three Miles & an half



to A beach tree in The west line of Masons Patent & from thence Southerly in that line Seven Milles three quarters & fourty Rods to the northwest Coner of the Township Called Manadnock N<sup>o</sup> 4 from thence South Eighty degrees East About four Miles by the North Line of S<sup>d</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 4: Till it Comes to the west line of Manadnock N<sup>o</sup> 2 & From thence North by the Needle by Manadnock N<sup>o</sup> 2: & N<sup>o</sup> 3 to the first bounds Mentioned— Unto James Morison Jun<sup>r</sup> Archibald Dunlap, Ròbert Clark James Lyons Robert Allin And<sup>w</sup> Armer Halbert Morison David Morison Sam<sup>n</sup> Morison John Morison Thomas Morison William Gillmor John Gilmor Sam<sup>n</sup> Alison Sam<sup>n</sup> Alison Jun<sup>r</sup> James Wilson Ju<sup>r</sup> John Wilson Robert Wilson Thomas Wilson Sam<sup>n</sup> Wilson Sam<sup>n</sup> Steel James Moore John Wason John Cochran Isaac Cochran Thomas Cochran Sam<sup>n</sup> Cochran Hugh Montgomery Henry Neal John Moore Robert Moore Sam<sup>n</sup> Mitchel Thomas McCleary & James Wilson Sen<sup>r</sup> Under Certain Conditions Limitations & Reservations In S<sup>d</sup> Grant Mentioned as by Reference Thereto Will fully Appear.—

Voted That We Do Hereby Accept Said Title And For Our Selves Our Heirs & Assigns Do Acknowledge that we hold Said Lands Under Said Title Conditions & Limitations with the Reservations therein Mentioned.—

Mathew Thornton Prop<sup>r</sup>s Clerk.

[*Petition of Certain Inhabitants of Marlborough, 1768.*]

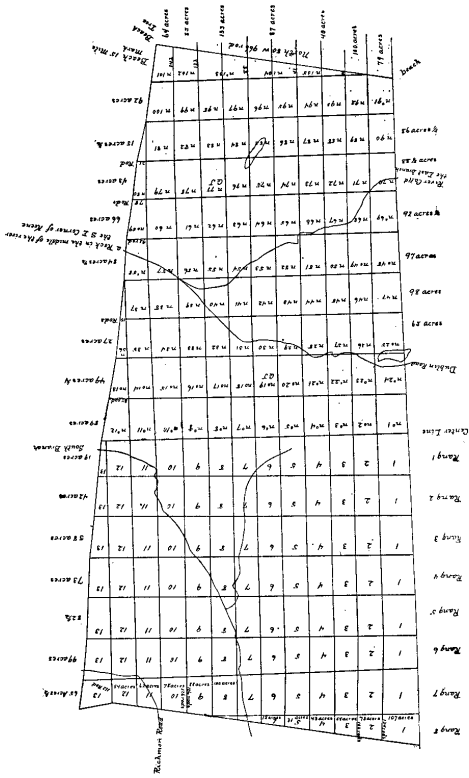
[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 127.]

Province of New Hampshire

To the Proprietors of Lands Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in the province aforesaid (Commonly Called the Lords Proprietors of Said Lands) &c.

Humbly Shueth To your honours.—

We the Subscribers Inhabitants of Monadnock Number five (So Called) in Said province, Lying in Said Masons Patent, That, on the twentieth day of May A. D. 1752. your honours Was pleased to Grant Said Monadnock Number five to a Number of People and Gave a Charter of the Same to Said people with Sundry Conditions and Restrictions as mentioned in said Charter: Since Which We have Purchased of Sundry of the Grantees, and Setled in Said Town Ship, and have fulfilled Said Charter as to our part as fully as hath been in our Power to do, By Reason that there is a Number of Said Grantees that Neglect to Settle there Rights or to do any Considera-



[Plan of Marborough, 1762.]

This is a Plan of a Township in Masons Patten in the Province of New Hampshire Called Manad<sup>s</sup> No 5 Lotted out into Hundred acre Lots Excepting the Lots on the out Side of the Town and Them Lots it is Set Down Against Each Lot the Number of acres Contained in Each Lot Survey<sup>d</sup> by Jon<sup>s</sup> Livermore and Noah Church in y<sup>e</sup> year 1762

Marlborough Dec<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1768  
A Copy Exam<sup>n</sup>d by Eben<sup>r</sup> Dexter Prop<sup>r</sup> Clerk

ble part of the duty Required of them by Said Charter, altho We Conceave the Time for the Settlement on Said Rights is Long Since Expired and Said Delinquents at our meeting for Bringing forward the Settlement of Said Township, &c. by means of their own Voates and the Interest they make, Carry the Votes as they please to the Great Damage of the Inhabitants of said Township and to the discouragement of others Settling therein &c.—

the delinquant Rights are as followeth (viz) Henry Neal William Gilmore Helbert Morrison Samuel Allason Jun<sup>r</sup> Robert Allen, Samuel Mitchel, John moore Thomas Morrison,

We, having thus opened our Deplorable Case, to your honours as obedient Children, to their Parents, Desire your honours Would Take our Case into your Wise Consideration and if your Honours think proper, Grant Said Delinquents Rights to the Present Inhabitants of Said Township on Such Conditions as your honours Shall think proper; or otherwise Release us as your honours in your Great Wisdom Shall think Proper. And We as In duty Bound Shall Ever pray.

Monadnock Number five 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 1768.

Daniel Goodenow	William Barker	Joseph Collins
Abel Woodart	Joshua tucker	Isaac M <sup>r</sup> allester
Abijah tucker	Moses tucker	Caleb tucker
Stephen Church	Charles Biglo	Richard Tozer

[*Memorial of Jonathan Blanchard, 1768.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 128.]

To the Gentlemen Prop<sup>rs</sup> Purchasors of the Right of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in the Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup>—

The Memorial of Jonathan Blanchard of Dunstable in Said Province shews—

That your Memorialist & Others are Largely Interested in the New Township Called Monad<sup>k</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 5. Granted In your Right some Years since,—

that they (& their Family's) have at a Large Expence been & Still are Carrying on & Compleating the Settlem<sup>t</sup> of Said Township as Enjoynd by Grant thereof.—

That your Memorialist understands a Petition has been preferrd to Your Society (as Well as Many Causeless Insinuations mention<sup>d</sup>) Setting forth that a Number of the Original Grantees or their Assigns are Delitory & wholly Neglect the Improvem<sup>t</sup> & settlement of their Rights & shares—

That your Memorialist Declares (so far as he Can find out) that the Representation afores<sup>d</sup> is false & that there is not one Single Right in S<sup>d</sup> Township but that has more or Less Cleard & Improved on, & that if the whole Duty is not already Done as they are Perfect<sup>r</sup> the same he Prays for your further Indulgence & is Perswaded that any New Grant Cannot hastin the settlement—That if the Petitioners afores<sup>d</sup> Sho<sup>d</sup> again Beg for the Supposed forfeiture Your Memorialist prays that he May have Notice & Liberty to state the facts Touching the Settlem<sup>t</sup> Before any New Grant Takes place Which tho' Perhaps Cannot Take Effect Yet it May be Prejudicial to the Present Claimers & no Real service and Your Memorialist as In Duty shall Ever pray—  
Portsm<sup>o</sup> Dece<sup>r</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1768—  
Jon<sup>a</sup> Blanchard

[Draft of Lots in Marlborough, 1762.]

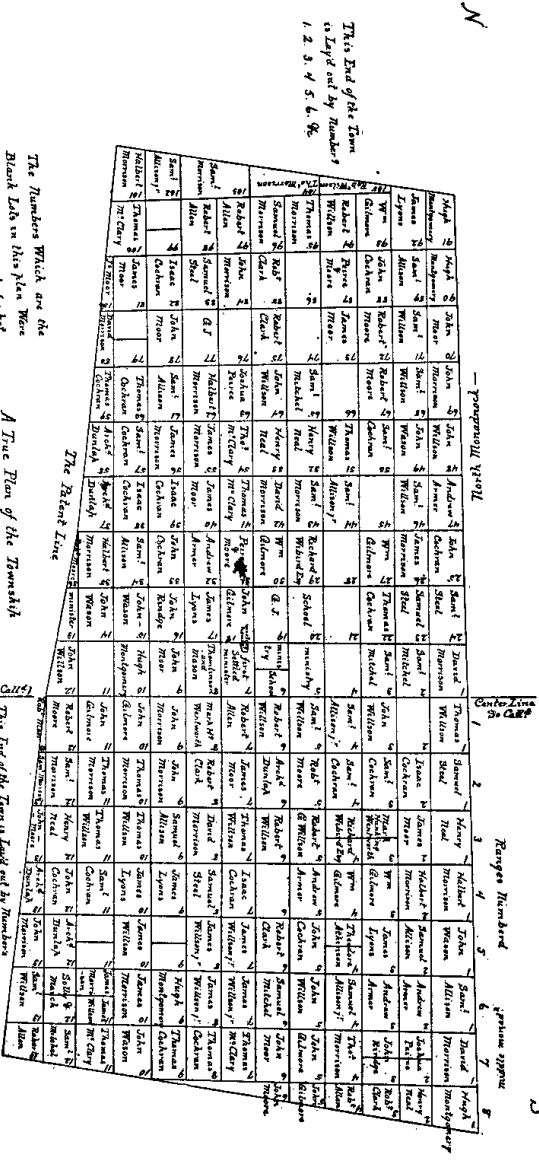
[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 129.]

A List of the Proprietors of Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> five with the Draft of their Lots, (Drawn Nov<sup>r</sup> 8. 1762)—

Thomas Wilson	N <sup>o</sup> 11. 3 <sup>d</sup> R: N <sup>o</sup> 51.	N <sup>o</sup> 10—3 <sup>d</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 7—3 <sup>d</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 1—1 <sup>st</sup>
Henry Neal	N <sup>o</sup> 12—3 <sup>d</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 52.	N <sup>o</sup> 53.	N <sup>o</sup> 1—3 <sup>d</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 2—8 <sup>th</sup>
James Lyons	N <sup>o</sup> 17.	N <sup>o</sup> 92.	N <sup>o</sup> 9—4 <sup>th</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 10—4 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 3—5 <sup>th</sup>
Thomas Cochran	N <sup>o</sup> 22.	N <sup>o</sup> 9—7 <sup>th</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 8—7	N <sup>o</sup> 60. N <sup>o</sup> 59.—
W <sup>m</sup> Gilmore	N <sup>o</sup> 93	N <sup>o</sup> 30.	N <sup>o</sup> 3—4.	N <sup>o</sup> 4—4. N <sup>o</sup> 27.—
Robert Willson	N <sup>o</sup> 94	N <sup>o</sup> 6—1	N <sup>o</sup> 5—3 <sup>d</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 6—3 <sup>d</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 105—
John Wason	N <sup>o</sup> 49.	N <sup>o</sup> 10—7.	N <sup>o</sup> 14.	N <sup>o</sup> 15. N <sup>o</sup> 1—5 <sup>th</sup>
Halbert Morrison	N <sup>o</sup> 35.	N <sup>o</sup> 2—4.	N <sup>o</sup> 1—4.	N <sup>o</sup> 62. N <sup>o</sup> 101.
Samuel Morrison	N <sup>o</sup> 12—2 <sup>d</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 43.	N <sup>o</sup> 13—2 <sup>d</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 103. N <sup>o</sup> 96
Andrew Armer	N <sup>o</sup> 32.	N <sup>o</sup> 2—6.	N <sup>o</sup> 3—6	N <sup>o</sup> 47. N <sup>o</sup> 5—4 <sup>th</sup>
Isaac Cochran	N <sup>o</sup> 39.	N <sup>o</sup> 7—4	N <sup>o</sup> 38.	N <sup>o</sup> 82. N <sup>o</sup> 2—2
Samuel Allison j <sup>r</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 4—6	N <sup>o</sup> 44.	N <sup>o</sup> 102.	N <sup>o</sup> 4—1. N <sup>o</sup> 2—5 <sup>th</sup>
Archibald Dunlap	N <sup>o</sup> 37.	N <sup>o</sup> 12—5.	N <sup>o</sup> 6—2 <sup>d</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 58. N <sup>o</sup> 13—4 <sup>th</sup>
John Gilmore	N <sup>o</sup> 18.	N <sup>o</sup> 5—7 <sup>th</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 10—1.	N <sup>o</sup> 11—1. N <sup>o</sup> 5—8
Samuel Steel	N <sup>o</sup> 23.	N <sup>o</sup> 8—4.	N <sup>o</sup> 24.	N <sup>o</sup> 83. N <sup>o</sup> 1—2 <sup>d</sup>
Robert Allen	N <sup>o</sup> 7—1.	N <sup>o</sup> 97.	N <sup>o</sup> 98	N <sup>o</sup> 13—7. N <sup>o</sup> 4—8 <sup>th</sup>
James Moor	N <sup>o</sup> 7—2 <sup>d</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 73.	N <sup>o</sup> 40.	N <sup>o</sup> 81. N <sup>o</sup> 106
	N <sup>o</sup> 2—3			
Thomas MacClary	N <sup>o</sup> 7—7 <sup>th</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 41.	N <sup>o</sup> 54.	N <sup>o</sup> 100 N <sup>o</sup> 11—7 <sup>th</sup>
James Willson Jun <sup>r</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 7—5	N <sup>o</sup> 8—5	N <sup>o</sup> 7—6.	N <sup>o</sup> 8—6.
John Morrison	N <sup>o</sup> 84.	N <sup>o</sup> 9—1.	N <sup>o</sup> 9—2 <sup>d</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 69 N <sup>o</sup> 13—5 <sup>th</sup>
John Willson	N <sup>o</sup> 64	N <sup>o</sup> 5—6	N <sup>o</sup> 48	N <sup>o</sup> 3—1. N <sup>o</sup> 12—
Samuel Mitchel	N <sup>o</sup> 65.	N <sup>o</sup> 6—6.	N <sup>o</sup> 2.	N <sup>o</sup> 3. N <sup>o</sup> 12—7—
Samuel Cochran	N <sup>o</sup> 50.	N <sup>o</sup> 11—4.	N <sup>o</sup> 3—2 <sup>d</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 4—2 <sup>d</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 57—
James Morrison	N <sup>o</sup> 26.	N <sup>o</sup> 10—6.	N <sup>o</sup> 55.	N <sup>o</sup> 56. & North
	half N <sup>o</sup> 11—6			
Hugh Montgomery	N <sup>o</sup> 10.	N <sup>o</sup> 9—6	N <sup>o</sup> 91.	N <sup>o</sup> 90. N <sup>o</sup> 1—8
John Moor	N <sup>o</sup> 9.	N <sup>o</sup> 6—7	N <sup>o</sup> 70	N <sup>o</sup> 78 N <sup>o</sup> 13—3 <sup>d</sup>

[Plan of Marlborough, 1767.]

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The Numbers which are the Blank Lots in this Plan were Impudently Drawn out of a hat With Chance of the Green-tees & Reserved for the Green-tees

A True Plan of the Townshipp of Marlborough 1765

This End of the Town is Laid out by Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8.

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Robert Moor	N <sup>o</sup> 5—2 <sup>d</sup> N <sup>o</sup> 36	N <sup>o</sup> 72 <sup>d</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 67.	N <sup>o</sup> 12—1.	N <sup>o</sup> 13—1.
Samuel Willson	N <sup>o</sup> 5—1	N <sup>o</sup> 71.	N <sup>o</sup> 68	N <sup>o</sup> 13—6	N <sup>o</sup> 46—
Thomas Morrison	N <sup>o</sup> 11—2	N <sup>o</sup> 95.	10—2.	4—7.	104.
David Morrison	N <sup>o</sup> 42.	N <sup>o</sup> 1—7.	N <sup>o</sup> 8—3.	N <sup>o</sup> 1.	N <sup>o</sup> 80—
Robert Clark	N <sup>o</sup> 8—2 <sup>d</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 75.	N <sup>o</sup> 85.	N <sup>o</sup> 6—5.	N <sup>o</sup> 3—8—
John Cochran	N <sup>o</sup> 88	N <sup>o</sup> 12—4	N <sup>o</sup> 33.	N <sup>o</sup> 5—5.	N <sup>o</sup> 25—
Samuel Allison	N <sup>o</sup> 89.	N <sup>o</sup> 1—6	N <sup>o</sup> 34.	N <sup>o</sup> 61.	N <sup>o</sup> 9—3 <sup>d</sup> —
James Willson Sen <sup>r</sup> first Minister for the ministry for the School	N <sup>o</sup> 10—5. & S <sup>o</sup> half of N <sup>o</sup> 11—6. N <sup>o</sup> 7. N <sup>o</sup> 5. & North half of N <sup>o</sup> 6— N <sup>o</sup> 20. & S <sup>o</sup> half of N <sup>o</sup> 6—	N <sup>o</sup> 13.			

A True Copy of the Schedule of the Lots of Monad<sup>k</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 5 as Drawn & Recorded Exam<sup>d</sup> ☉ E. Dexter Pp<sup>ts</sup> Clerk

The Prop<sup>rs</sup> of Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 5. in New Hamp<sup>r</sup> at a Meeting Legally Call<sup>d</sup> & held on y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1762 (By a Committee) put all the Numbers of the Lots in Said Township into a hat & Drew out the following Lots in An Open & fare Manner for the Grantors Being their Proportion of Land in Said Township Reserved by Grant

Viz—N<sup>o</sup> 2. in the Sixth Range

3 in — D<sup>o</sup>

12. in y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Range

4. in y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Range

6. in y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Range

11. in y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Range

6 in y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> Range

3 in y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> Range

4 in y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> Range

8 in y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Range

2. in y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Range

11 one hundred Acre Lots—

& N<sup>o</sup> 8— N<sup>o</sup> 11 N<sup>o</sup> 16 N<sup>o</sup> 19 G J N<sup>o</sup> 28 N<sup>o</sup> 29 N<sup>o</sup> 31 N<sup>o</sup> 45 N<sup>o</sup> 66  
N<sup>o</sup> 63 N<sup>o</sup> 74 N<sup>o</sup> 76 N<sup>o</sup> 77 G J N<sup>o</sup> 79 N<sup>o</sup> 87 N<sup>o</sup> 86 N<sup>o</sup> 99 N<sup>o</sup> 21  
N<sup>o</sup> 4

19 one hundred acre Lots—

Attest

Ebenez<sup>r</sup> Dexter P<sup>ts</sup> Clerk

[Endorsed] Rece<sup>d</sup> March 9<sup>th</sup> 1769 ☉ y<sup>e</sup> hand of Jon<sup>s</sup> Blanchard

[Conditions of Settlements in Marlborough, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 130.]

Esq<sup>r</sup> Jaffery Sir these with my due Regards to you and to let you know that I reseved youre Letter dated ye 12 of Des<sup>r</sup> last Whare in

you desire a tru & just account of the settlement of monadnock No 5 and how far We had Complied with the Condishons of our Chartor which I Shall do my indeavour to give you as troo an account as I Can tho it is hard for me to Render to you So Exact an account as you desire but I will do it in the best manner that I Can which are as folers to wit first the names of the Proprioaters that the Chartor was granted to are as folers viz

	heare is the names of those parsons that draw under y <sup>e</sup> former Propria <sup>a</sup>	the Names that are hear under riten are those that are in y <sup>e</sup> town as setlers
Thomas Willson Hen <sup>r</sup> Neel James Linds Thomas Cockran Willam Gilmor Robert Willson John Wason Helbort morison Samuell morrison Andro Armor Isaac Cockran Sam <sup>ll</sup> Allison jur Archibell Dunlap John Gilmore Sam <sup>ll</sup> Steel Robart Allen James moore Thomas m <sup>c</sup> Clary James Willson jur John morison John Willson Sam <sup>ll</sup> Witchel Sam <sup>ll</sup> Cockran James morrison Hugh mo'gomory John moore Robart moore Samuell Willson Thomas morrison David morrison Robart Clarck John Cockran Sam <sup>ll</sup> Allison	David Church Jonathun Blancher Esq <sup>r</sup> Willam Eagor Addinaiah How Richard Tozer Eleaz How Charls Biglo Noah Church Jacob Felton Isaac m <sup>c</sup> Allester Abrahm How Jur Silas Whealor Benj <sup>a</sup> m <sup>c</sup> Allester Cap <sup>t</sup> Joseph Biglo J: Blanch <sup>d</sup> D: free Jonathun Blanchard Esq <sup>r</sup> J: Blanch <sup>d</sup> Duety free Jona Green Daniel Herrington Jon <sup>a</sup> Bond John Woods John Taylor Stephen How Wm Badkock J: Blanch: Duc: free Cap <sup>t</sup> Jesse Rice Silas Gates muning Sawing Ebenezer Dexter Daniel Goodnow Josiah Stow Ebenezer Joslin Ebenezer Dexter	Thomas Rigs & famely Joshua Tucker & famely James Tiffny & famely Richard Tozer & famely Willam Adams Singal man Joseph Peck & famely John Felton & famely Isaac m <sup>c</sup> Allester & famely Abel Woodart & famely David Warrin & famely Benidick Webber & famely Benj <sup>a</sup> Tucker & famely Duety free rite by Jonathan Goodenow Duety free rite Jon <sup>a</sup> Shaw & famely Jona Herrington & famly Silas Hooker no Famely James Croasman & famely Thaddes Hastings Singl man James Bruer & famely Benj <sup>a</sup> Tucker jur & famely Duety free Rite Richard Robards & famely Stephen Church Sing <sup>t</sup> man Sam <sup>ll</sup> Bishop & famely Daniel goodnow & famy Joseph Collins & famely Willam Barker & famely Silas Fife Singel man

Esq<sup>r</sup> Jaffery Sir I have given you on the other Side of the leaf as neare account as I Can Consarning our Setlment and of the Number of famelyes that are in the town as Setlers and have left those Rights blanck that are not Settled and as you desired to know what we had don Consarning a meeting House are as folers viz we have granted money for that purpos and have agreed with a man to Set us up a house fifty feat long & forty wide and obliged him by bond to have it redy to raise by the begining of Sepetembor Next and We are giting boards Shingles & Clabboards to Cover it as Soon as it is up and the Comity that was Chosen by the Propriators to pick out A Spot to Set the meeting house on have agreed on a Spot if you gentilmen Lord Proprioters Consent their to for according to our Chartor you are to have a voice with us in that afaire and Sir if you would take so much Notes of our letter as to Send an anser to it Consarning our Meeting House Spot I Shall take it as a grate favour and Sir you will Sea that Thomas morrison's Right is not Settled it belonged to Dock<sup>r</sup> Dexter our formor Clark who is deseas<sup>d</sup> and his Wido Cant dispoas of the land til She has leav from the coart and as soon as shea Can git liberty to Set Shea has agreed with a man for one of the Lots belonging to that right who is to go on with a famely and if Shea may have that liberty and hir land Not taken from hir; for by Chartor it is forfeited into the hands of the Grantors and Now according to Chartor at their dispoasel but I hope thay will Consider hir Case and give hir one year more to do hir duty in & Helbort morrison's right their is one or two ackers of land Cleard Last foal and Soad with grane & I hear that the man that has begun their in tends Next Sumer to bild and Com their to Live with a famely which I Suppose will be don if Nothing Extradny hapens No more at present but I Remain youre moast humbel sarvent at Command

Benj<sup>a</sup> Tucker

[*Votes of Proprietors of Marlborough, 1770.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 131.*]

Jan y<sup>e</sup> 3: 1770

y<sup>e</sup> Propriator of mond N<sup>o</sup> 5 being legally warnd met at y<sup>e</sup> house of Benj<sup>a</sup> Tucker and voted on y<sup>e</sup> following articles 1<sup>ly</sup> Chose Benj<sup>a</sup> Tucker moderator 2<sup>ly</sup> Chose Benj<sup>a</sup> Tucker clark for Sd Prop 3<sup>ly</sup> voted to Dismiss all former officers voted Benj<sup>a</sup> Tucker firs assessor voted Jos Collins Second voted Daniel goodenough y<sup>e</sup> 3 asesor voted Charles Biglow Collector voted Benj<sup>a</sup> Tucker treasurer 4<sup>ly</sup> voted to Dismiss all former committees voted Benj<sup>a</sup> Tucker Daniel goodenough John



Blood Josep Collins Moses Goddard to be a committee to lay out and Repair convenient and nessary Roads voted Benj<sup>a</sup> Tucker Joseph Collins David warrin be a committee to look out a buring place voted Isaac M<sup>c</sup>allester Daniel Goodenough Charles Biglow Be a committe to Preambilate y<sup>e</sup> lines of Sd township voted John Weeks Charles Biglow Jonathan Bond Be a committee to Recken with the former treasurer voted David Warrin Isaac M<sup>c</sup>Allester Silas Gates Be a committee for drawing money out of y<sup>e</sup> treasury voted Joseph Collins David warrin John Felton Be a com to Receive y<sup>e</sup> Bonds for y<sup>e</sup> school money and Receive y<sup>e</sup> intrest money y<sup>e</sup> 5 article Past over 6<sup>ly</sup> voted to Build a meeting house forty five feet long and Eight and thirty wide voted to Except of a Subscription of mosess Tucker Joshua Tucker Abijah Tucker mosess goddard Richard tozer John Felton Jedediah Tayntor Benj<sup>a</sup> Tucker Jur Jedediah maynod Stephen Church Josep collins Provided y<sup>e</sup> Subscribers will give Bonds to compleat their Subscription to the committee to y<sup>t</sup> Shall Be chosen to Build y<sup>e</sup> meeting house voted Benj<sup>a</sup> Tucker Daniel Goodenough Josep Collins Jonah Herrington Moses Goddard James Brewer Isaac M<sup>c</sup>allester Be a committee for building y<sup>e</sup> meeting house and voted to Raise ten Dollers on Each Prop Right for to Build a meeting house voted y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> committee y<sup>t</sup> are appointed to Build y<sup>e</sup> meeting house are impowerd to notify y<sup>e</sup> lord Propriators and Request their voice where it shal Be set 7<sup>ly</sup> Past over 8<sup>ly</sup> voted John weeks Charles Biglow Daniel Herrington Be a committee to assist y<sup>e</sup> clark in Receiveing y<sup>e</sup> Books and Papers and Recording Such things as have Been Neglected by y<sup>e</sup> former clark: voted on y<sup>e</sup> fifth article to Except accompts and voted not to Raise any money for y<sup>e</sup> high ways under y<sup>e</sup> 8 voted to confeirm all former votes and meetings Excepting one meeting held at y<sup>e</sup> house of Cypron how in marlborough in y<sup>e</sup> Province of y<sup>e</sup> massachusetts Bay in y<sup>e</sup> year one thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Eight voted Past over y<sup>e</sup> 9 article 10<sup>ly</sup> voted y<sup>t</sup> Every man shall vote in their meetings according to their intrest in sd township

Voted y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> owners of one Sixteenth Part of y<sup>e</sup> lands in sad township Requesting y<sup>e</sup> clark to call a meeting he shall Be obliged to Do it By Posting a notificaton in Sd township and in marlboroug at some Publick Place near y<sup>e</sup> Senter of Sd town

all y<sup>e</sup> officers and committees Sworn to their Respective offices Excepting John week Jonah herrington John Blood and James Brewer

[*Petition of Committee for Locating Meeting House, 1770.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 133.]

M<sup>r</sup> George Jaffrey

We the Subscribers being Chosen A committee By the Grantees of Monadnock No 5 to Build a meeting House for Publick Worship and likewise to acquaint the Grantors of Said township of the Preceedings in that affair and Request their voice in it Agreeable to the Charter of The Grantors—We have therefore According to our Judgment Chosen the Best Spot to Set A meeting house on Neighest the Center of S'd Town Both in Respect of the Grantors And the Grantees and Request the Grantors to Come and Give their Consent to it if they think Proper or Signify their Minds to us any way as they Shall think Proper—

We Being informed mr Jaffrey was Clark for the grantors of Said Township we have Presumed to Send the Above Request to him and hope his favour in laying the Request Before the Grantors and his Doing the Same and acquainting us of their minds will greatly oblige the grantees and us y<sup>r</sup> Humb<sup>le</sup> Serv<sup>ts</sup>

Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 5 Jan<sup>ry</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 11 : 1770

Benj <sup>a</sup> Tucker	Daniel Goodenough	Joseph Collins
Isaac M <sup>e</sup> Allester	Moses Goddard	James Brewer
	Jonah Harrington	

[*Votes of Proprietors of Marlborough, 1770.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 133.]

Att a meeting of the Proprietors of Monadnock No five Legally Warned and held att the house of mr Jonah Herrington on wednesday the Eighteenth of April 1770—

1<sup>ly</sup> Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Jesse Rice moderator—

on y<sup>e</sup> (2) artical in S'd warrant Past to Reconsider what was Done Concerning a meeting house in the last meeting  
votd to Dismiss y<sup>e</sup> Committee to Build y<sup>e</sup> meeting house  
voted to chuse a committee of five men to Build y<sup>e</sup> New meeting house

and votd that Benj<sup>a</sup> Tucker Daniel Goodnow Joseph Collins moses goddard and Isaac M<sup>e</sup>Allester be the committee to Build y<sup>e</sup> meeting house but they one and all refused having any consern with it—

under y<sup>e</sup> 3 article votd to Reconsider y<sup>e</sup> former vote concerning a meeting house and voted to have one 30 feet square without the help

of Subscription under y<sup>e</sup> 4 artical voted to chuse a committee to lay out a road over the South Branch and Build a bridg over y<sup>e</sup> Same and voted that James Brewer william Barker and Silas fife be a committee to lay out y<sup>e</sup> Road and build y<sup>e</sup> Bridg over y<sup>e</sup> Branch—

under y<sup>e</sup> 5 Artical voted to Dismiss y<sup>e</sup> Committee chosen to take Care of y<sup>e</sup> Bonds Concerning y<sup>e</sup> School money and made choice of Cap<sup>t</sup> Jesse Rice Daniel Herrington and william Barker trustees for to take care of that money under y<sup>e</sup> 6 : article voted to Dismiss y<sup>e</sup> former committee that was appointed to lay out and clear Roads and voted to chuse five men for a new committee voted David whelor Samuel Bishshop Jonah Herrington Be a committee for y<sup>e</sup> Purposes aforesd voted to Pass over y<sup>e</sup> 7 article under y<sup>e</sup> 8 : article voted to Raise two Dol- lers on Each Prot Right to be laid out in y<sup>e</sup> Roads under y<sup>e</sup> 9 : arti- cal voted to chuse a committee of 3 men for Sail of lands chose Charles Biglow Jonathan Shaw and James Tiffaney y<sup>e</sup> 10 voted to Recive accomps under y<sup>e</sup> 11 : voted to Chuse a committee to make use of the intrest money in Schooling the children and choase william Barker Isaac M<sup>c</sup>Allester and Richard Roberds for that Purpose y<sup>e</sup> 12 : voted to Chuse a committee of five men to Raise y<sup>e</sup> meeting house and voted that moses Cinney Samuel Bishshop Jonathan Shaw Joseph Peck and Silas fife to be a committee for that Purpose

Jesse Rice moderator

[*Account of Settlements in Marlborough, 1770.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 134.]

an acmpt of y<sup>e</sup> Settlements In monadnock N<sup>o</sup> five Carled New marlborough In y<sup>e</sup> province of New Hampshire

Dra <sup>t</sup> 1	Thomas Willson—	Settled by Thomas Riggs
2	Henry Neal—	
3	James Lyan—	Settled by Joshua Tucker
4	Thomas Cochran—	Settled by Jams Tiffany
5	William Gilmore—	Settled by Richard Tozer
6	Robert Wilson—	Settled by William Adams
7	John Warson—	Settled by Joseph peck
8	Halbart morroson—	Jonathan Nicholds made Sum Improvement
9	Samuel morrison—	Settled by John Fulton
10	Andrew Armer—	Settled by Isaac m <sup>c</sup> Allester
11	Isaac Cochran—	Settled by Abel Woodart
12	Samuel Allison—	Settled by David Warrin

13 Archabel Dunlap—	Settled by Bennideck Webber
14 John Gilmore—	Settled by Benjamin Tucker
15 Samuel Steel—	Called Duty free
16 Robert Allen—	Settled by Jonathan Goodenow
17 James moor—	Called Duty free
18 Thomas m <sup>c</sup> Clary—	Settled by Jonathan Shaw
19 James Wilson—	Settled by Jonah Harrington
20 John morison—	Silas Hooker made Sum Improvements
21 John Wilson—	Settled by James Crossman
22 Samuel mitchel—	Thaddeas Hastings made Sum Improvement
23 Samuel Cochran—	Settled by James Brewer
24 James morrison—	Settled by Benjamin Tucker Jun <sup>r</sup>
25 Hugh mongommory—	Called Duty free
26 John moor—	Settled by Richard Robards
27 Robert moor—	Settled by Stephen Church Singel- man one acree Improved Sum acrees Girdled
28 Samuel Wilson—	Settled by Samuel Bishop
29 Thomas morrison—	
30 David morrison—	Settled by Daniel Goodenow
31 Robert Clark—	Settled by Joseph Collins
32 John Cochran—	Settled by William Barker
33 Samuel Allison—	Settled by Silas Fife

James Wilson Sen<sup>r</sup> have one Single Share Containing one hundred and Fifty acres no Duty to be Don Sooner than The Larst Dutys on the Dubbel Shares Which Contains Fore hundred and Fifty acres to Each Share—

In monadnock N<sup>o</sup> five

[*Benjamin Tucker to George Jaffrey, 1770.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 135.]

Portsmouth April y<sup>o</sup> 27th 1770—

Esq<sup>r</sup> Jaffrey sir these with my due regards to you hopeing thay may meet you in good halth and sir I woold in forme you that I made a jorney to Ports<sup>h</sup> on porpus to Sea youre self with Som others of the jentel men Granttors of our town ship monadnock No 5 but my fortin happins to be heare when Esq<sup>r</sup> Jaffrey is not at hom which I am Exeding Sorrey for for I much wanted to Sea the Esq<sup>r</sup>

and to advise with him Consarning the afairis of our town for I reseved a leter from the Esqr Last wintor whare in he desired me to return him an anser Consarning the setlement of our township which anser I had roat Sum time a go but haveing No oppertuenety to Send it I mad this jorney to bring it with a leter from a commity Chosen to buld our meeting house desireing the jentlemen Grantors of our town to give their advise whare our meeting house shall stand which thay have a Rite by Chartor to do and Sir you will sea in my anser to youre leter that we had agreed to buld a meeting house and how Large and when to be ready to Raise but I must now let you know that: that part of my anser is unSartin for their is a Number that has aroas up and Called a nother meeting the 18 of this month and Reconsidered what was don at our meeting y<sup>e</sup> 3 of janurey last after they ware Recorded on boock & say thay will not have this meeting house so large but will have one 30 feet square and thay dismist the Commity that was appoint to buld the meting house that I give you anacount of in my anser to youre self and have not got aney Commity to buld the 30 fut meeting house and we are now in a bad situation Consarning our meting house for the workman that we agreed with to buld the House 40 feet wide & 50 long has Cut the Cheaf of the great timbor and hued the Long Sticks and thay are drawn to gether whare we expect the house will stand and y<sup>e</sup> Com- mity has Entred into bonds to sea y<sup>e</sup> workman paid by the first of September Next & have taken bond of him wheare in he is abliged to have the house ready to Rais by that time & the Commity ware obliged to draw all the timbor to the Spot & to find all the Slit work at y<sup>e</sup> Spot but sence they are dismist by the Last meeting from that offis thay think and Say thay have no firther Consarn with it which if that meeting Stands good it must be So and when y<sup>e</sup> woorkman has hued all the timbor he must stop his hand for he will find No man to draw it to geather for him and their is no body aney power to a gray with him to Stop & not to purseade aney firther in this affair as things now Stand & I woold Let the Esqr know that it was by reason of 3 or 4 parsons giveing power to Cap<sup>t</sup> Jesse Rise & mr Daniel Herrington both of morlbrough to act for them was the meanes of bringing us into this bad sittuation and thay are thouse parsons that are the most behind as to Settelling viz the Rite of Hennery Neel & Robart Allen & thomas morrison with y<sup>e</sup> three Duety free Rites which belong to old maddam Blanchor & others of that famley Which you will Sea in my anser to youre leter how I have returned them and in whoes hands thay are now in the Rite of Tomes morrison which is now in the hands of the wido Dexter you will Sea in my anser to you that I roat in hir favour but in as much

as She has impower<sup>d</sup> those men to act in hir behalef to the damige of our town I have No more to say in hir behalef and Sir if you would be So kind as to git the gentil men grantors to geather as soon as may be and Lay ouer Case before them and Sea if thay will take So much Notes of us as to give us their advise in all affairs Consarn- ing our town and wheather that meeting be good whare in thay dis- annuled what was don before & put on Recoard allso to Sea what methoad thay will Come into in ordor to joyn with us on a Spot to Set our meeting house if we Ever agree to buld one for we want to Clear up y<sup>e</sup> spot to Set it No more at present So I remain youre hum- bel Sarvent att Command—

Benj<sup>a</sup> Tucker

P S Sir I have left Som papors in y<sup>e</sup> hand of Coll<sup>o</sup> Atkison for youre self & Sir mr mors of Dublin gives his Sarvis to youer Self & desired me to in form you that he reseved youre Leter Last fryday whare in you desired him to return to you a tru account of their Setlement which he would do as soon as posabel he Could & Sir in my anser to youre Letter I did not Set forth to you the Nounber of acors that itch man had got Cleard but their is not above 2 or 3 but what has got more land Cleard then the Chartor Required—

[*Benjamin Tucker to George Jaffrey, 1770.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 136.*]

Monadnock No five may y<sup>e</sup> 29th 1770

Esqr Jeffry Sir I Roat to you in a Letter when I was at Poartsmouth that we met with som Dificalty about our Meeting house and that the Comitty that was appointed to bild it was dismist and their was Non to Carry on the worck but we have had a meeting Sence and have mad Choise of the old Comity a gin and the house is Like to go on as it was first Purposed to be and if the gentel men grantors would take So much Notes of our Letter as to appoint Som man or men as thay shall think proper to Com and Sea the Spot that we have Chosen to Set the Meeting house on and give their Consent if thay think proper for we want to Cleare it up as soon as may be for we Cant Draw the timber to to the Spot til the Land is Cleard up and Sir what I Roat to you Consarning the Rights that ware Not Setled according to Chartor Stil remain So as far as I know Excepting the Rite of Halb<sup>r</sup> morison their is a man daly at worck and has got his Famley to Swonsy naer by his worck and desines to bring them in to town as soon as he can git a house up to put them in and Sir you Roat to me

in youre Leter that I Should be paid for my troubel but as for that I Leave with you to do as you think proper I was Exeding Sorry that Esqr Jeffry was not at hom for I wanted much to Sea him but was disappointed No more at present So I remain youre humbel sarvant at Command

Benj<sup>a</sup> Tucker

[*Benjamin Tucker to George Jaffrey, 1772.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 137.]

monadnock No five Febr<sup>n</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 1th 1772—

Esqr Jef<sup>r</sup> Sir you Roat to me two years ago desireing to know how far we had Setled our town according to Chartor and I Sent you an anser back how it was with us at that time as to Setlers their was 2 or 3 wanting then & their is 2 rites now that their is no Setler on and according to our Chartor their Should be on 17 rites a seckent Setler with a house and 5 Acors of Land Cleared and their is the bigger halef of them has Complied with them tairms viz Som of them are on and others have begun and are like to Com in this year but their is 7 or 8 that are in No Prepration as I kno of and if Esqr Jefe<sup>r</sup> would do So much in the Name of the Grantors as to rite a leter to be red at som of our meetings it mite be of Sarvis to Stir up those men that are behind of their duety and sir mr Bread Batcheldor in formed me lately that the Lord Prop<sup>rs</sup> Could not Com to a devishan between them Selves for want of a Plan and schedule which I thoat they had Long ago for we have paid for the draft and transpoart of them onse or twice in time past but if thay have faild and are now wanting I will do my Indeavour that our Clarck Shall Send them and sir if you should Com to a devishan Quick I Should be glad to have the Refuesal of one Lot viz No 31 it Lyes verey handy to my house and worth more for me than aney other man it is not fit to mak a farm on by reason of its being very Stoney but will make good paster Land and sir their is a peace of medo in one of youre Lots that has bin moad by mr Isaac m<sup>e</sup> Allister Ever Sence the Town has bin Setled but he has Soald his intrest in the Town and it is unsarting wheather he will by in the Town a gin or not and if he Should move out of town or in aney other part of the Town So that the medo will not be handy to him I Shall take it as a favour to have the Liberty to mo it before aney other man and Sir I woold in form you that we have got our meeting House up & Shingled but Not Clabboarded and if the gentil men granthirs woold be So kind as to give us liberty to cut som timber on your Land to make Clabboards on I should be much obliged

to them and take it as a favour Sir please to Send the with in Cloased to Boston to mr Wintroop I Shall be much obliged to you and remain your humbel sarvant at Command

Benj<sup>a</sup> Tucker

[Reserved Lots, 1779.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Feb. 2, 1779.]

State of } Portsmouth February 2<sup>d</sup> 1779 Tuesday Three of  
New Hampshire } the Clock afternoon at the House of m' John Pen-  
hallow improved by him as a Store the Proprietors meet according  
to adjournment—

Whereas the Grantees of Manadnock N<sup>o</sup> 5 have Returnd a Schedule of the Draft of the Lots in said N<sup>o</sup> 5 and also the Draft of the Lotts drawn for the Grantor's Reservation in said N<sup>o</sup> 5, which Lotts have not been drawn for and Severed to said Proprietors, and the Draft or Severance of the same being Requested by many of the Inhabitants of said N<sup>o</sup> 5 the Proprietors Resolve and Therefore—Voted the Draft of said Reserved Lotts be now made for the Proprietors, and the Lotts as drawn to Each Proprietor's Right, Shall be Entered as Drawn, and Shall be a Severance of the Same to Each Proprietor their heirs and Assigns—

The two Lotts to each Proprietors Reservation as returned by the Grantees—are drawn as follows' viz<sup>t</sup>—

drawn 1 <sup>st</sup>	To Theodore Atkinson Esq <sup>r</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 3—2 <sup>d</sup> Range	N <sup>o</sup> 6—4 <sup>th</sup> Range
2	Solly & March	N <sup>o</sup> 3—6 <sup>th</sup> Range	N <sup>o</sup> 2—1 <sup>st</sup> Range
3	Thomlinson & Mason	N <sup>o</sup> 21—	N <sup>o</sup> 8—
4	Jotham Odiorne Esq <sup>r</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 79—	N <sup>o</sup> 76—
5	Richard Wibird Esq <sup>r</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 4—2 <sup>d</sup> Range	N <sup>o</sup> 29—
6	Thomas Packer Esq <sup>r</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 86—	N <sup>o</sup> 45—
7	Meserve Blanchard & C <sup>o</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 99—	N <sup>o</sup> 66—
8	Thomas Walingford Esq <sup>r</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 4—	N <sup>o</sup> 11—
9	Joshua Peirce Esq <sup>r</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 12—5 <sup>th</sup> Range	N <sup>o</sup> 63—
10	Mark Hunk <sup>s</sup> Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 4—4 <sup>th</sup> Range	N <sup>o</sup> 8—1 Range
11	John Rindge	N <sup>o</sup> 6—3 <sup>d</sup> Range	N <sup>o</sup> 16—
12	George Jaffrey Esq <sup>r</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 77—	N <sup>o</sup> 19—
13	John Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 11 4 <sup>th</sup> Range	N <sup>o</sup> 28—
14	John Moffatt Esq <sup>r</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 2—6 <sup>th</sup> Range	N <sup>o</sup> 74—
15	Peirce & Moore	N <sup>o</sup> 87—	N <sup>o</sup> 31—

Eight Lotts in the Ranges, in this Draft of the Lots—being misrepresented, and were before drawn for, to the Grantees—the Error is rectified, by a Vote and another Draft of Eight Lots Sept<sup>r</sup> 29, 1779—Pages 42 & 43—



[*Previous Draft Rectified, 1779.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Sept. 29, 1779.]

State of } Portsmouth September 29<sup>th</sup> 1779 Wednesday  
New Hampshire } three of the Clock afternoon at the House improved  
by m<sup>r</sup> John Penhallow as a Store the Proprietors meet according to  
adjournment

Whereas the Grantees of a Tract of Land called Manadnock N<sup>o</sup> 5—had returned to Proprietors the Grantors a Schedule of the Draft of Lotts of the Grantees of Said Tract of Land, with a Draft of thirty Lotts for the Grantors Reservation, attested by Ebenezer Dexter Prop<sup>rs</sup> Clerk of Said Manadnock N<sup>o</sup> 5—and as the Inhabitants of Said Manadnock N<sup>o</sup> 5—(now called New Marlborough) have earnestly requested the Proprietors the Grantors, to make a Severance of the Said thirty reserved Lotts, to each Proprietors Right or share—The Proprietors aforesaid on the Second day of February 1779—resolved and voted that a Draft and Severance of the aforesaid thirty Lotts for their Reservation in Said Tract of land be then made—the Said thirty Lotts were then drawn to each Proprietors Right and entered accordingly for each Proprietors Right or Share in Severance

But it appearing Since the drawing and Severance of Said thirty Lotts by the Proprietors on the 2<sup>d</sup> day of February last, that the Said Dexter had made a mistake in returning eight Lotts of the thirty, for the Proprietors, the Grantors reservation, which were drawn to the Right of the Grantees—and have been long Since improved—It is now resolved and Voted that those Proprietors who had either of said eight Lotts drawn to his share do now relinquish his right to the Same, and now draw for another Lot which doth not appear to be appropriated either to Grantor or Grantee of Said Tract of Land—and as drawn to Said Proprietor, shall be a Severance of the same to his Right or Share in Said Manadnock N<sup>o</sup> 5, and in full Satisfaction for the Mistaken Lot drawn to his Right on the 2<sup>d</sup> day of February aforesaid—

In Pursuance of the above Vote the following Lotts were drawn to the Rights or shares of the Proprietors to whose Rights the eight mistaken Lotts were drawn on Said Second day of February—viz<sup>t</sup>

To Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup>—Right Lot N<sup>o</sup> 4 in 5<sup>th</sup> Range instead of Lot N<sup>o</sup> 3 in 2<sup>d</sup> Range

To Solly & March's Right Lot N<sup>o</sup> 12—in 6<sup>th</sup> Range instead of N<sup>o</sup> 3—in 6<sup>th</sup> Range

To Richard Wibird Esq<sup>r</sup> Right Lot N<sup>o</sup> 4 in 3<sup>d</sup> Range instead of Lot N<sup>o</sup> 4 in 2<sup>d</sup> Range—

To Joshua Peirce Esq<sup>rs</sup> Right Lot N<sup>o</sup> 2 in 7<sup>th</sup> Range instead of Lot N<sup>o</sup> 12 in 5<sup>th</sup> Range

To Mark H<sup>c</sup> Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> Right—Lot N<sup>o</sup> 3 in 3<sup>d</sup> Range instead of Lot N<sup>o</sup> 4 in 4<sup>th</sup> Range—

To M<sup>r</sup> John Rindge's Right Lot N<sup>o</sup> 3 in 7<sup>th</sup> Range instead of Lot N<sup>o</sup> 6 in 3<sup>d</sup> Range—

To John Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> Right Lot N<sup>o</sup> 9 in 5<sup>th</sup> Range instead of Lot N<sup>o</sup> 11 in 4<sup>th</sup> Range—

To John Moffatt Esq<sup>r</sup> Right—Lot N<sup>o</sup> 11 in 5<sup>th</sup> Range instead of Lot N<sup>o</sup> 2 in 6<sup>th</sup> Range

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MARLOW.

[Granted as *Addison* Jan. 1, 1753, to Elias Alexander and others. Re granted as Marlow Oct. 7, 1761, to William Noyes and others. The charter was renewed Jan. 24, 1772. All that part of the town east of the "Curve Line" was annexed to Stoddard June 21, 1797.

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volume; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 546; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 397, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 572; Index to Laws, 334; sketch, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 314; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 311; Something about Marlow, by G. B. Griffith, 4, Granite Monthly, 61; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 8; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 283.]

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[*Petition of William Matson, 1769.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 138.*]

Province of } To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Proprietors of Masons Patent in  
New Hampshir } Said Province—

The Hum<sup>ble</sup> Petition of William Matson of Marlow in Said Province Yeoman in behalf of himself and Other Proprietors of said Marlow Sheweth, that In the Year A D. 1761 a Grant was made by the Late Governor of Said Province to your Petitioner and his Constituents of Said Marlow Bounded as follows Viz' Beginning at the South Easterly Corner of a Township formerly granted by the name of New Town Thence running North by the Needle Six miles one Hundred ninety two Rods to a Stake and Stones Thence East by the Needle Six miles and Three Quarters of a mile to a Stake and Stones, Thence South twenty Degrees West Six miles two Hunded Eighty Eight Rods to a Stake and Stones, Thence West by the Needle four miles one Hundred twenty Eight Rods to the Bounds first mention'd. In Consequence of which Said grant the Proprietors of Said Marlow have Settled a large

number of families there, expended a great part of their Substance in Clearing Subduing Cultivating and Settling said Marlow, in expectation of their being within Bounds under the Crown—

But to the great Surprize of the Proprietors of said Marlow, The Patent Line according to a Late running includes one mile one Hundred twenty two Rods in Breadth and more than Six miles in Length of Said Marlow, upon which last mention'd part of Said Marlow taken of by the now Patent Line were Settled four families before the late running of Said Line and many other Persons there were and are Clearing and Settling other Rights included within Said Line tho' within Bounds of said Marlow as Originally granted and Laid out in the year afors<sup>d</sup> And as the depriving the Proprietors of said Marlow of the Land within Said Patent Line, would render the Residue of said Township very inconsiderable and almost useless to them as it would entirely defeat the design and purpose of a Town, it would not only deprive them of the property in and Benefit of their Settlements and Labour in that particular part of said Marlow But Effectually Discourage and Obstruct the Settlement of the whole for the above Reasons and numberless others that might be Offer'd—

Your Petitioner in behalf of himself and Prop<sup>rs</sup> of Said Marlow prays that your Honours wo'd Consider their Case as peculiar and quiet 'em under you in the Possession of all the Said Land which the Said patent Line includes, granted as aforsaid to Said Marlow, upon such Conditions, Restrictions, and Limitations as your Honours think reasonable and your Petitioner shall ever pray—

Sep<sup>r</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1769

William Matson } Agent for  
Prop<sup>rs</sup> of Marlow

[*Samuel Gustin to Proprietors, 1772.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 140.*]

Marlow June 25<sup>th</sup> 1772

To the Honorabe Committey of the Preprietors of Masons Patent wishing you all Grace &c

Sur<sup>s</sup> I was at Portsmouth with you Last Jenewary as an agent of the Proprietors of marlow with mr Matson on the aCount of that Land that the Patnt Line Had taken of from the s<sup>d</sup> Town of Marlow and I thought that I had full Encourigement from your selves and from all the Proprietors of s<sup>d</sup> Patent that I saw I was surely Expecting that the Propriety of marlow would have the Land So taken of by the Pattent Loyn Secured to them on Such Tearms as would be

Honoriabel and still will Hope for the Same & I have Late Recved a Letter from Cap<sup>t</sup> Georg King that it was to be obtained by a Reserve of one fifteenth Part and then to Give a deed of the Rest but this week I Have seen Capt Kneel and His orders of Runing the Loyns and by them I suspect that the matter Is by the Honoriabel Committe other ways Determined but yet Hoping that our Pettishon for said Land will Come Into Remembrance with you so that Said Land may be Grantd and Confirmed to us on Such Tearms as may be Hon-orabel to your Lordships and Gracius to us your most obedant and Dependent Potishenors from your Humbel servent

Sam<sup>n</sup> Gustin } agent for the  
 proprietors of Marlow

P<sup>o</sup> Mr Matson is Now absent

To Mr Peter Pearce

Sur if there is any Posebelity that we may Have the Land Granted to us as Proprietors I Pray you to send me a Line and if it should be other ways Detarmened I would be Glad to be Informed Howitis Sur ablige me with a few Lines and I shall be Humbely abliged to you self there for thes from your Most obedent—

Sam<sup>n</sup> Gustin

[*Statement of William Matson.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 141.*]

Improvements made by the Propietrs of marlow and the Settlers under them in that part of sd marlow now Claimd by the Propietrs of manadnoc N<sup>o</sup> 7 alias Limrick—according to a late running of the Patentine Line

The Propietrs of marlow had Seteled before the runing Said Line four families and five Pasons besids who had made very Considreable Improvements in that Part of Said marlow now claimed by said Limbrick that y<sup>e</sup> Proietrs of Said Limbrick Sence thay Claimed the Lands mentiod in the Petition Exhibited by the agent for Said marlow taken from Said marlow by Said late Running have not made the least Improvements or Settlements upon any Part thare of (*and that the Propietrs of Said Limbrick have thare full measure Without taking the Lands originally granted to the Propietrs of Said marlow*

Asarted by me—

William matson

with respect to what is Said above relative to N<sup>o</sup> 7 having their full Measure he Says he had by Information from one of the Grantees of the s<sup>d</sup> N<sup>o</sup> (7) & that he had never measured it

After examining into Circumstances of the affair relative to the dispute between Marlow & N<sup>o</sup> (7) tis determined at this Meeting 21 June 1770 to acquaint the Grantees of Marlow that those Persons that are now Settled under Marlow Title if the Land where this dispute is belongs to Masons Propriety—no Settler need be distressed about an agreem<sup>t</sup> with this Propriety they will doubtless be Quieted upon very reasonable Terms—and upon y<sup>e</sup> Proposal of said Matson (in case the Township of Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 7 is declared forfeited by y<sup>e</sup> present Grantees) of engaging to have Settled 30 Fam<sup>s</sup> to come from Connecticut within 3 years and giving bond for y<sup>e</sup> performance—Said Matson &<sup>c</sup> is to be preferr'd to other settlers to have notice sent him  $\text{p}^{\text{p}}$  Post to y<sup>e</sup> Town of Lyme in Connecticut

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### MASON.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors as *Number 1*, Nov. 1, 1749, to William Lawrence and others. Incorporated as Mason, Aug. 26, 1768, and named in honor of Capt. John Mason. The inhabitants voted, June 22, 1768, to call the town "Sharon," but the Governor named it Mason. Greenville was set off and incorporated, June 28, 1872. The line with Greenville was established, July 2, 1873.

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volume; papers under title Groton (old grant) in Massachusetts charters preceding; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 577; Index to Laws, 336; History, by John B. Hill, 1858, pp. 323; sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 513; Two Lectures on History of Mason, by Ebenezer Hill, 1846, pp. 16; Memoir of Rev. Ebenezer Hill, with his discourse on history of the town, by John B. Hill, 1858, pp. 114; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 11, 20; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 206, 209; Centennial Celebration, 1868, pub. 1870, pp. 115; Celebrations, 23, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 354.]

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#### [*Charter of Mason, 1749.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 143, and Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 67.]

Province of } PURSUANT to the Power and Authority Granted &  
 New Hamps<sup>r</sup> } vested in me by the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of Lands Purchased of  
 John Tufton Mason Esq in the Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> by their vote  
 passed at their meeting held at Portsmouth in s<sup>d</sup> Province the 16<sup>th</sup>  
 day of June 1749.—

I do by these Presents give and grant all the Right Title Interest  
 property & possession of the Prop<sup>rs</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> Unto William Lawrence

Esq Peter Powers Eleazer Blanchard John Goffe Esq David Adams Paul March Phillip Olerick Eleazer Farwell John Stevens Nathaniel Meserve Jun<sup>r</sup> Peter Powers Jun<sup>r</sup> Joseph Blodget John Butterfield Jonathan Powers Jun<sup>r</sup> Zacheus Lovewell Jonathan Hubbard John Varnam Jonah Brown John Jennison Joseph Blanchard Jun<sup>r</sup> Elnathan Blood M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Parker Jonathan Hubbard Jun<sup>r</sup> Clement March Robert Fletcher Jun<sup>r</sup> Israel Hubbard Amasa Parker Jacob Goold Benjamin Parker David Stearns Thomas Tarble Samuel Tarble Shadreck Whitney & Edward Jewell of in And to all that part of a Township or tract of Land in the Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> containing About twenty Seven Square miles Bounded as followeth Beginning at a Stake and Stones the South east Corner of the Premises and runs North Eighty degrees west five miles and Twenty rods by the Province line to New Ipswich Corner from thence north by the Needle five miles to a White pine Marked from thence East by the needle five miles to a hemlock tree Marked from thence South by the Needle to the first Bounds Mentioned Which said Township is lay'd out drawn for and Assertained to Each Grantee Respectively with two Lotts for encouragement of Building of mills And three Shares for publick uses One for the first Settled minister one for the ministry And One for the School there forever Which S<sup>d</sup> Shares and lotts to be the Same as already drawn & entered in the Schedule and plan hereunto Annexed unto them Respectively And to their heirs And Assigns To Have & To Hold on the following terms Conditions & Limitations And on them only That is to Say That a Meeting house be built as near the Centre of S<sup>d</sup> Town as by the Grantees shall be Judged most Convenient And that Where Such place Shall be agreed on Six Acres Shall be Reserved for publick Uses.—That the Remaining Lands not entered in the Schedule And plan afores<sup>d</sup> to the Grantees Specified, and within the Bounds of the township afores<sup>d</sup> be And hereby are Reserved to and for the Use of y<sup>e</sup> Grantors their heirs and Assigns forever free and Clere from all Charge tax or Incombrance of Settlement untill their or any of their parts Respectively are Improved by them or Some holding Under them—

That the Aforenamed Grantees exclusive of the three publick lotts Shall Carry on Perform And Make Settlement at their Own Expence in the Following manner, viz<sup>t</sup> that there be all necessary Hyways lay'd out in S<sup>d</sup> Town where they will be most Convenient without any pay or Allowance to Grantors or Grantees Through Whose Lands the Same Shall go.

That the Grantees Build a house for the Publick worship of God there at or before the last day of May 1753 for the Use of those who Shall then or Afterwards Inhabit there.

That there be On Some One lott of each of forty Shares Belonging to the Grantees three Acres Clered Inclosed & Fitted for mowing or tillage (so Far as is Profitable at or Before the Last Day of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1751 and each of Said Lotts to be Clered as afores<sup>d</sup> to be Settled with Having a house of Sixteen feet Square at the Least and Seven feet Stud or more with a Chymney and Celler finished and fitted for Dwelling therein at or Before the Last Day of may 1752 and Some person or Family Inhabiting & Residant in s<sup>d</sup> House and they or Some Others In Each of their Steads Continue Residency there Untill the Last Day of may 1755

That the owners of Each of the S<sup>d</sup> Forty setling Shares have on Each of their Rights Respectively three acres more in Like manner fitted at or Before the Last Day of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1752 and the Like Quantity Annually for two Yeares then Next Coming

That the remaining Shares viz<sup>t</sup> the Shares of Jon<sup>a</sup> Hubbard Benj<sup>a</sup> Parker Nathan<sup>l</sup> Meserve Jun<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>b</sup> Brown John Genison Eleaz<sup>r</sup> Blanchard be Excused from the Duty of Building Improving or Setling Untill the Last day of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1755 and then to have the Whole Duty perform<sup>d</sup> as Others at that Time

That Each of the Said Grantees at the Executing this Instrum<sup>t</sup> pay thirty pounds Cash Old Ten<sup>r</sup> to defrey the Necessary Charges Risen and Ariseing in bringing forward the Settlement to be Deposited in the hands of Such Person as they Shall appoint Being a freeholder and Residant in this Province that the Afores<sup>d</sup> Grantees or their Assignes Assess Such further Sums of money Equally In Proportion to their Right on the Share of Each Grantee exclusive of the three Publick lotts as may be tho<sup>t</sup> Necessary for Carrying on and Compleating any of the Publick matters in Makeing the setlem<sup>t</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> or for heering Preaching and on failure of paym<sup>t</sup> for the Space of three months after Such Tax or Assessm<sup>t</sup> is agreed upon and posted up at Such place or places as the Prop<sup>rs</sup> the Grantees Shall appoint to give Notice for Calling Prop<sup>rs</sup> meetings that so much of Such Delinq<sup>ts</sup> Lands & Right Respectively Shall and may be Disposed of as will pay Such Tax or Taxes and All Charges arising thereon by a Com<sup>tee</sup> Choose by the Said Grantees for that Purpose, and In Case any of the S<sup>d</sup> Grantees Shall neglect or Refuse to perform any of the Articles Afore mentioned he Shall Forfit his Share and Right in Said Township to those of the Grantees who Shall not then be Delinq<sup>t</sup> in the performance of the Conditions Enjoynd and It Shall and may be Lawfull for them by their agent or agents appointed by the Maj<sup>r</sup> part of those not Delinq<sup>t</sup> (for that purpose) to Enter into and upon the Right of Such Delinq<sup>t</sup> owner and him to amove Oust and Expell for their Use their Heirs and Assignes Provided they Settle Such Delinq<sup>ts</sup>


Right within the Term of one Year after the Period, that is by this Instrument Stipulated to be Done as the Condition of the Grant and fully comply with the Whole Duty Such Delinq<sup>t</sup> ought to have Done within the Term of one Year from Time to time after the Respective periods thereof, and In Case they omit Complying as Afores<sup>d</sup> within that Term that all Such Delinq<sup>ts</sup> Rights Shall Revert and belong to the Grantors their Heirs and Assignes free from the Incumbrance of Setlem<sup>t</sup> and Charge always Provided there be no Indian War within any of the Terms afores<sup>d</sup> for Doing the Duty Conditioned In this Grant and In Case that Should Happen the Same time to be Allowed for the Respective matters afores<sup>d</sup> After Such Impedim<sup>t</sup> Shall be removed

That all White pine trees fit for masting his Majestys Royal Navy Growing on S<sup>d</sup> land be and Hereby are Granted to his Majesty his Heirs and Successors forever

Lastly the Said Grantors do hereby promis to the s<sup>d</sup> Grantees their Heirs & Assignes to Defend through the Law to King and Councill If Need be One Action that Shall and may be Brought against them or any number of them Claiming the S<sup>d</sup> Lands or any part thereof by any other Title than that of the Grantors or that by Which they Hold & Derive theres from provided the Said Grantors are Avouched In to Defend the Same And In Case the Same Shall be Recovered against the Grantors the Grantees Shall Recover nothing over against the s<sup>d</sup> Grantors for the Said Lands Improvements or Expence In Bring<sup>g</sup> forward the Setlem<sup>t</sup> and Further that they the Said Grantors will pay the Necessary Expence of time and money that any Other Person or Persons Shall be Put to by any other Suit or Suites that Shall be Brought against them or any of them the Said Grantees for tryal of the Title before One Action Shall be fully Determined In the Law In WITNESS WHEREOF I the Said Joseph Blanchard of Duns- table have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this first Day of November A D. 1749

Joseph Blanchard [L S]

A True Copy of the Grant of Nom<sup>r</sup> one Township

Attest —

Joseph Blanchard Jun<sup>r</sup> Prop<sup>r</sup> Clk



[Draft of Lots in Mason, 1749.]  
 [Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 142.]

Township No 1	Draught	No	Range	No	Range	No	Range	lots
Ministry—	1	5	7	8	7	1	17	
School—	2	6	5	6	10	7	1	
Peter Powers	4	9	1	2	6	1	5	
Elea <sup>r</sup> Blanchard	5	8	1	7	8	6	8	
John Goffe Esq	6	5	8	4	4	2	2	
David Adams	7	9	2	4	5	3	6	4
Paul march	8	10	2	4	7	5	1	
Phillip Olerick	9	9	3	6	6	2	5	
Eleazer Farwell	10	5	3	2	1	1	15	
John Stevens	11	4	3	10	13	4	2	
Nath <sup>l</sup> Meserve Jun <sup>r</sup>	13	9	5	9	4	6	18	
Peter Powers Jun <sup>r</sup>	14	5	5	5	6	1	6	
Joseph Blodget	15	7	3	4	6	6	11	9
John Butterfield	16	7	6	4	1	7	5	
Jonathan Powers Jr	17	8	20	1	8	8	6	5
Zach <sup>r</sup> Lovewell	19	10	6	10	5	4	8	3
John Stevens	21	10	14	7	9	5	9	
William Lawrence	22	5	19	6	2	2	3	
Jonathan Hubbard	25	10	9	10	8	3	4	
Will <sup>m</sup> Lawrence	26	7	10	7	11		8	
John Varnum	27	8	10	1	1	5	4	
John Stevens	28	9	10	9	11	2	11	
Josiah Brown	29	10	10	8	3	3	5	6
John Jennison	33	10	11	8	12	6	9	
John Stevens	34	9	13	9	14	3	2	
John Stevens	35	8	11	9	9	3	3	
Mill Lotts	37	2	15	8	5			
Minister lotts	38	5	10	5	11	1	3	
Joseph Blanchard Jun <sup>r</sup>	39	4	9	2	16	1	16	
Peter Powers	40	4	10	1	12	1	13	
Peter Powers	41	4	12	1	11	1	7	
Elnathan Blood	42	3	12	3	11	3	19	
Mr Tho <sup>s</sup> Parker	44	6	13	1	19	3	18	
Jon <sup>s</sup> Hubbard Jun <sup>r</sup>	45	3	13	2	18	7	12	
Clement March	47	8	14	3	7	2	17	
Robert Fletcher Jun <sup>r</sup>	49	3	14	3	15	10	20	10
Israel Hubbard	52	6	16	4	20	2	8	
Jon <sup>s</sup> Hubbud Jun <sup>r</sup>	53	5	16	3	20	8	16	
Amasa Parker	54	4	16	1	20	5	12	
Jonathan Hubbud Ju <sup>r</sup>	55	3	16	3	17	7	14	

Township N <sup>o</sup> 1	Draught	N <sup>o</sup>	Range	N <sup>o</sup>	Range	N <sup>o</sup>	Range	lots
Jacob Goold . . . . .	56	4	14	4	18	2	12	
Will <sup>m</sup> Lawrence . . . . .	57	5	17	8	17	7	17	
Benjamin Parker . . . . .	58	6	17	2	20	7	15	
Jon <sup>s</sup> Hubbard . . . . .	59	9	17	9	16	6	12	
David Stearns . . . . .	60	9	18	2	19	8	15	
Thomas Tarble . . . . .	61	8	18	4	19	4	11	
W <sup>m</sup> Lawrence . . . . .	64	6	3	6	4	4	17	
Sam <sup>l</sup> Tarble . . . . .	65	7	19	6	19	4	15	
Shadrack Whitney . . . . .	68	3	1					7
Edward Jewell . . . . .	66	6	7	3	10	1	19	

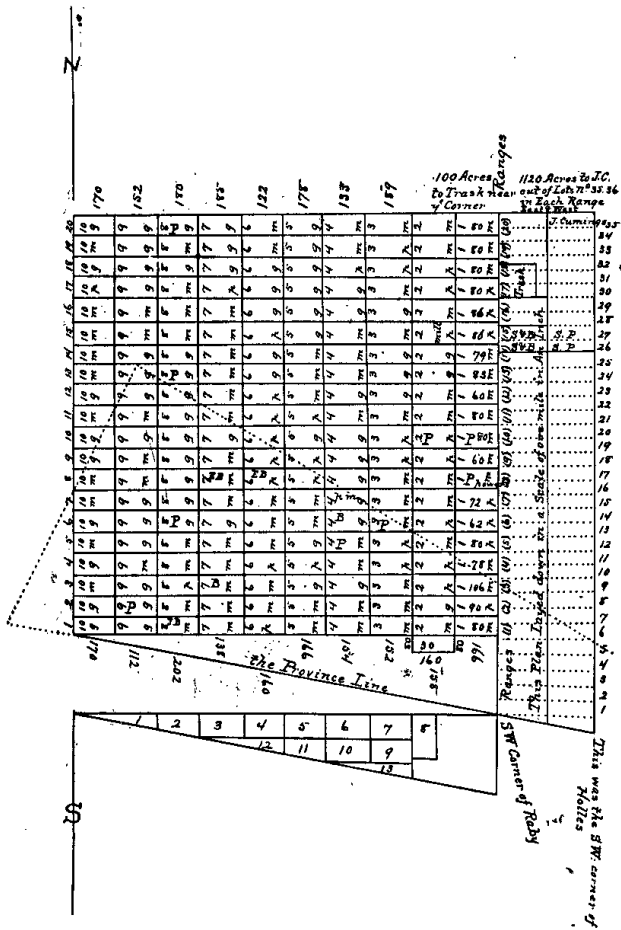
The foregoing lots were drawn by the Grantees, Those that follows were drawn for the Grantors, the Respective lots each Entered Against the name

	Draught	N <sup>o</sup>	Range	N <sup>o</sup>	Range	N <sup>o</sup>	Range	lots
George Jaffrey Esq . . . . .	3	10	1	9	8	8	4	1
Thomas Wallingsford Esq . . . . .	12	10	4	10	3	5	2	12
M Hunking Wentworth Esq . . . . .	18	6	1	9	6	1	9	
Mathew Livermore Esq . . . . .	20	10	7	9	7	1	2	
Will <sup>m</sup> Parker Esq . . . . .	23	8	9	8	2	2	4	
John Wentworth Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	24	8	8	7	7	2	9	
Richard Wibird Esq . . . . .	30	7	4	7	2	1	4	2
Jotham Odiorne . . . . .	31	10	17	10	12	10	16	
Nath <sup>l</sup> Meserve And Others . . . . .	32	10	15	9	12	9	15	
Sam <sup>l</sup> Moor & Daniel Peirce . . . . .	36	10	18	10	19	4	13	
Tho <sup>s</sup> Packer . . . . .	43	8	13	1	10	2	10	11
John Tuffton Mason . . . . .	46	7	20	7	13	2	13	
M Hunk <sup>s</sup> Wentworth . . . . .	48	6	14	5	14	2	7	
Sam <sup>l</sup> Solley & Clem <sup>t</sup> March . . . . .	50	5	13	6	20	1	14	
John Moffatt . . . . .	51	5	15	8	19	3	9	
Joseph Blanchard . . . . .	62	7	18	7	16	2	14	
Theodore Atkinson . . . . .	63	5	18	5	20	3	8	13
Joshua Peirce . . . . .	67	9	19	9	20	6	15	

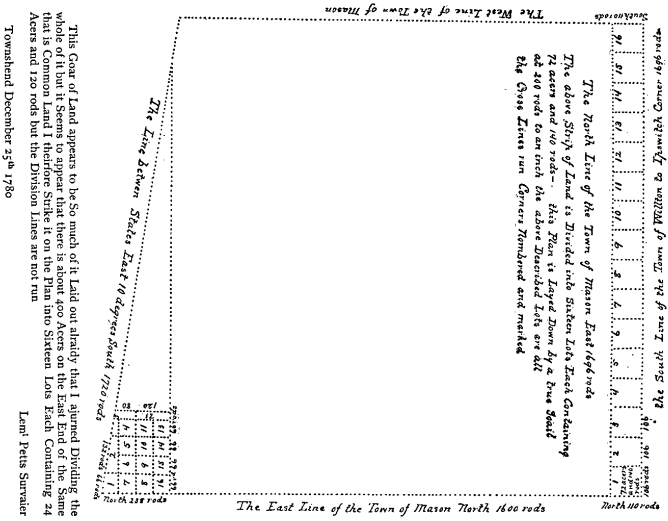
The afore Written Schedule was Drawn at Dunstable the 16<sup>th</sup> of October 1749—  
Copy Exam<sup>d</sup> 79 Joseph Blanchard Jun<sup>r</sup> Prop<sup>m</sup> Clerk

[Plan of Mason.]

[Taken from Mss. Records of Proprietors of Tyngstown, Now in Possession of the Town of Jaffrey.]



[Plan of Mason, 1780.]



This Coat of Land appears to be So much of it Laid out already that I ajured Dividing the whole of it but it Seems to appear that there is about 400 Acres on the East End of the Same that is Common Land I therefore Strike it on the Plan into Sixteen Lots Each Containing 24 Acres and 70 rods but the Division Lines are not run

Townshend December 25<sup>th</sup> 1780

Lant Petrus Surveyor

[*Petition for Land in Mason, 1782.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 144.]

To the Proprietors of the Lands Purchased of John Tufton Mason Esqr. Lying in Newhampshire—Gentlemen—their Being two Tracts of Common Land in the Town of Mason one Called the North Strip the other the South Strip—and we the Supscribers being owners of Part of Said two Strips of Land by Purchase from Several of the Mason Proprietors—which two Strips being Allotted into 72 acre Loots & 26 acre Lots Sixteen Lots of Seventy two Acres & Sixteen Sheirs of twenty Six Acres Each we Pray your Honours to make a Grant of the Said two Strips as Follows Viz to Jonas Minot of Concord in the County of Middlesex & Commonwealth of y<sup>e</sup> Massachusetts one Lot of Seventy two Acres & one of twenty Six acres for his Cost & Expence of Every Kind in Allotting out S<sup>d</sup> Lands & all the Trouble Care & Expence he has or may be at Reletive to S<sup>d</sup> two Strips before they are Divided—the other fifteen Lots of 72 acres & the fifteen of 26 acres he having Given his Obligation to us to Acquit to Each of us on Demand So much of Said thirty Lots as we by Purchase as aforesaid have a Right unto, & if Need be we hereby Give him all the Right we have to Vote in ye Mason Proprietors Meetings on S<sup>d</sup> Lands for the Purposes aforesaid January 26th 1782

Charles Barrett  
Reuben Kidder  
Nathanael Hosmer

[*Petition of Enoch Hale, 1779.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 145.]

State of ) To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Propriators of the Right of  
New Hampshire } John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup>—

The Petition of Enoch Hale of Rindge in Said State Humbly Sheweth that at the Time your Petitioner Collected the Number of Inhabitants Settled in several of the Monadnock Towns and the Number of Rights in Each Town then delinq<sup>t</sup> at the Request of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> George Jaffrey Esq<sup>r</sup> and making Return there of—your Petitioner had Incoragement of the favour of a Small Gore of land in Some Part of the Patten your Petition<sup>r</sup> therefore wood Humbly move that the Same might Be Don in the Town of mason as the Gore of land Between wilton and mason was Incorporated into mason and lyeth on the North Side of Said mason Laying about half a mile in wedth at the East line and Runs to a Point at the west line as your Petitioner

has Been informed but however otherwise it may lay your Petitioner<sup>d</sup> Request is for the Vacant land in said Town that has Not been Gran<sup>d</sup> for which favour your Petitioner will allways be under obligation thankfully to acknowledge—

Portsmouth March y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1799

Enoch Hale

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[*Petition of Robert Harrington, 1782.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 146.*]

Concord July 8th 1782.

to the Proprietors of the Lands Purchased of John Tuften Mason Esqr Gentlemen I pray that the Common Land in Mason be Granted one Lot for the Cost &c As Spessified in the Request of Reuben Kiddar Esqr & others & the Remainder to Jonas Minot & my Self Equally uppon my Paying for one half of what is Purchased Since we ware at Portsmouth 1780 for which I have Gave my obligation & also to acquit to Reubin Kiddar &c their Parts

Rob<sup>t</sup> Harrington.

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#### MEREDITH.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors Dec. 31, 1748, to Samuel Palmer and others, and called *Palmer's-town* afterwards *New Salem*, some of the settlers coming from Salem. This territory was previously mentioned as *Second Township*. Incorporated as Meredith Dec. 30, 1768. Two islands in Winnipiseogee Lake were annexed Dec. 30, 1799. Laconia was set off and incorporated July 14, 1855. A part of Meredith was annexed to Centre Harbor, July 3, 1873.]

See New Hampshire charters in preceding volume; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 581; Index to Laws, 340; sketch, Hurd's History of Belknap County, 1885, p. 833; Glimpses of the History of Old Meredith, by J. E. Fullerton, 3, Granite Monthly, 437; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, pp. 252, 302; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 7, 9, 22; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 501; Central New Hampshire, by G. F. Bacon, 1890, p. 37.]

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[*John Sanborn to Proprietors, 1748.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 147.*]

Gentelmen Proprioters of m<sup>r</sup> Masons Right whereas you Proposed to me at your Last Setting to take in twenty men out of hampton into Each of the two towns theat we have Laid out and Planned

when I Come to Look over S<sup>d</sup> Plans I finde that in the 2<sup>d</sup> township there is one 4<sup>th</sup> Part water and although the first is Sumthing more then Six miles Square yet the 2<sup>d</sup> wants so much that wee Shall have but 269 acers for a man as the towns are Laid out and bounded and Sixtey men to Each town whereas if wee had Laid out Six miles Square wee Should have had 288 acers to Each man now Gentlemen Pleas Either to Let us Continue with no more then 60: men to Each town which will suite us much the best or Remember to Let us Go So much further up as to Contain two towns six miles square Each  
from your frind and Servant

John Sandburn

Hapt: Dec<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1748

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[*Bounds of Meredith.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 148.]

the Boundareys of the Second town

Beginning at a hemlock tree by the Grate Bay of winepisackey River which is the South Easterly Bounds of the first town and marked with B and spotted on fowr sides with the first Letters of the Commiteys names and the Date of the year 1748 then Runing north-westerly about six miles to a beach tree marked on fowr sides which is the Northwesterly Bounds of the first then Runing North :55: degres East about Seven miles to a white oak tree by the side of winepisokey Pond marked on fowr sides: then Runing South East-erly by the side of s<sup>d</sup> Pond to the River then on s<sup>d</sup> River to the Grate Bay then by S<sup>d</sup> Bay to the Bounds first mentioned

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[*Names of Petitioners for Meredith.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 149.]

A List of the names of the petisoners for the Second town that Lays at winepessockey

Hampton  
Samuel palmer Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Jonathan Shaw  
Ben Shaw  
John Shaw junr

Exeter  
Jonth Longfellow  
Jo<sup>n</sup> Light  
Jo<sup>n</sup> Wadleigh  
Jonth Wadleigh Eping 1

Stratham	Dan <sup>l</sup> Smith
Sam <sup>n</sup> goodhu junr	Dan <sup>l</sup> Gale
John purmot	Josiah Robinson jun <sup>r</sup>
Benja Juewtt	Joseph Robinson
Joseph Juett	Jo <sup>s</sup> Pearson
John Smith	Eliphalet Rolings
Joseph Rawlins	Jo <sup>s</sup> Rolings jun <sup>r</sup>
Elisha Smith	Nath Bartlet jun <sup>r</sup>
Daniel Clark	Eph <sup>m</sup> Robinson
tilton Larance	Abra <sup>m</sup> Clark Brentwood 1
Jo <sup>s</sup> Clark	Jo <sup>s</sup> Rawlings
Jonath Sibly	Dan <sup>l</sup> Thirstin
Rich <sup>a</sup> Scammon	Josiah Sanborn
Ja <sup>s</sup> Scammon	Jo <sup>n</sup> Morgan
Benj Witcher	Jo <sup>s</sup> Goodhue
W <sup>m</sup> Chase	Oliver Smith jun <sup>r</sup>
Moses Chase	Jacob Longfellow
Benj Norris	John Leavit jun <sup>r</sup>
Laz <sup>s</sup> Roe	Oliver Smith
Jo <sup>s</sup> Fifield	Jo <sup>s</sup> Norris Eppin 2
Moses Rawlings	Sam <sup>l</sup> Norris
John Taylor	Benj Norris
Jacob Low	Sam <sup>l</sup> Norris jun <sup>r</sup>
David Rawlings	Tho <sup>s</sup> Ford Noting <sup>m</sup>
Chase Robinson	Josiah Sandburn
Josiah Goodhue 25	Rob <sup>t</sup> Cutter Eppin
	30
	Canterbury
	Ja <sup>s</sup> Gibson

[*Charter of Meredith, 1748.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Dec. 31, 1748.]

Voted That there be & hereby is granted unto Samuel Palmer Esq<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Shaw Benjamin Shaw John Shaw Jun<sup>r</sup> all of Hampton in said Province Samuel Goodhew jun<sup>r</sup> John Purmot John Smith Benjamin Jewit Joseph Jewit Joseph Rawlins Elisha Smith Daniel Clark Tilton Lawrence Joseph Clark Jonathan Sibly Richard Scammon James Scammon Benjamin Witcher William Chase Moses Chase Benjamin Norris Lazarus Rowe Joseph Fifield Moses Rawlins John Taylor Jacob Low David Rawlins Chase Robinson Josiah Goodhew all of Stretham in said Province Jonathan Longfellow John Light



Joseph Wadleigh Jonathan Wadleigh Daniel Smith Daniel Gale Josiah Robinson jun<sup>r</sup> Joseph Robinson Joseph Pearson Eliphalet Rawlins Joseph Rawlins jun<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Bartlet jun<sup>r</sup> Ephraim Robinson Abraham Clark Joseph Rawlins Daniel Thurstin Josiah Sanborn John Morgan Joseph Goodhew Oliver Smith jun<sup>r</sup> Jacob Longfellow John Leavit Jun<sup>r</sup> Oliver Smith Joseph Norris Samuel Norris Benjamin Norris Samuel Norris jun<sup>r</sup> Josiah Samborn Robert Cutler all of Exeter in said Province and Thomas Ford of Nottingham in said Province and James Gibson of Canterbury in said Province together with twenty other Persons hereafter to be named by said Proprietors in Equal Shares Excepting as hereafter herein Excepted on the Terms Conditions and Limitations herein after Expressed all that tract of Land within the Province of New Hampshire Containing the Extent & Quantity of Six Miles Square Bounded as follows, viz', Beginning at an Hemlock tree by the great Bay of Winnepiseoky River which is the South Easterly Corner bounds of that Tract of Land Granted to John Samborn and others by said Proprietors & which lyes Adjoining to the Land hereby granted & runs from said tree North Westerly Six Miles Joining on the said Land Granted to said Samborn or near Six Miles to a Beech Tree marked which is the North Westerly Corner bounds of the said Tract of Land then running fifty five Degrees East about Seven Miles to a White Oak Tree by the Side of Winnepiseoky Pond Marked on four Sides then running South Easterly by the side of said Pond to the River aforesaid then on said River to the great Bay aforesaid then on said Bay to the Hemlock tree first mentioned. To have & to hold to them their Heirs & Assigns in Equal Shares Excepting as aforesaid on the following terms Conditions and Limitations That is to Say that the whole Tract of Land within the said Boundaries (Saving what is herein after mention'd to be otherwise improved) be Divided into one hundred shares or Rights and Each Share be laid out into two Distinct Lots one of which to Contain one hundred Acres & the other all the Land Belonging to Each respective Share. That the whole be so laid out & the two Lots belonging to Each share Number'd with the same number Beginning with one & Ending with one hundred. That the said Land be so laid out within one Year from the Granting thereof & then the Lots Drawn for in the usual manner of drawing for Lots of Land in Such Cases & that this be Done at Portsmouth in said Province under the Care & Direction of the Proprietors aforesaid & so done as to make but one Draft to Each Share That one of the said Shares be for the first Minister of the Gospel who shall be Settled on the said Land and Continue there during his Life or untill he shall be Regularly Dismist to hold to him his heirs

& Assigns, and one other of said Shares be for & towards the Support of the Gospel Ministry there forever. and the hundred acre Lots belonging to these two Shares be laid out as near the place where the Meeting house shall be built as may Conveniently be Done & not Drawn for as the other Lots. That there be Six acres of Land left in some Convenient Place within said Boundaries for building a Meeting house & school house upon making a Training field a Burying Place & for any other public use the Inhabitants there shall see Cause to make of it That Seventeen of the said Shares be Reserved to the use of the said Proprietors the Grantors & their Heirs & assigns & one of the said Shares be for the use & Support of a School there forever That the owners of the other Eighty Shares make a Regular Settlement there at their own Charge in the following manner viz that each owner of the said Eighty Shares Build an house of Eighteen foot Long & fourteen foot wide or Equal thereto upon some part of his Land there & clear three Acres thereof fit for tillage or mowing within Eight Years from this time & that the said owners build a Meeting house there (upon the Land to be left for that purpose as aforesaid) fit for the public worship of God for the use of the Inhabitants within ten Years from this time and maintain the preaching of the Gospel there Constantly next after twelve Years from this time That there be twenty acres of Land left in Some Suitable place for a Privilege and Accommodation of a Saw Mill which Shall be to him his Heirs and Assigns who will build Such a Mill within the time herein after limited with the Privilege of the most convenient Stream and place for doing the Same and in Consideration thereof for the Benefit of the Inhabitants and Owners aforesaid the Owner or Owners of Such Mill shall Saw the Logs of the Said Owners of the Said Shares and other Inhabitants there to the halves for the term of ten years next after the Said Mill Shall first work That whoever shall appear and undertake to build Said Mill Shall perform the Same fit for constant working within three years from this time. And if no particular person or persons of the owners of the Said shares or such as the majority of them Shall permitt to do the Same will undertake to build Such Mill as aforesaid then the Said Owners shall do the same at their general Expence and put the said Mill under Such a Regulation as that they and others inhabiting there may be Seasonably and reasonably Served by having boards and other Timber Sawed which may be necessary for building upon Said granted premises That each Owner of the Said Eighty Shares pay to Such person or persons as the major part of them shall chuse for that purpose all such sums of Money or Bills of publick Credit as the Said Owners or the Major part of them shall determine to be

necessary from time to time and as occasion Shall require To defrey the Charges of laying out Said land and other Matters & Things necessary to make a Settlement as aforesaid and performing the other Particulars herein enjoined and directed to be done That in laying out the Said Lots care be taken to sort them in Such a manner as to make the Shares as equal as possible. That the Lots be laid out in Ranges where the land will admit of it and land left between the Ranges for high Ways four Rods wide and between the Lots for Ways of two Rods wide, and that a Plan of the whole laying out be made at the Charge of the Said Owners and Returned to the Grantors as soon as may be done with Conveniency. that the Seventeen Reserved shares be Exonerated Acquitted and fully Exempted from paying any Charge towards making the Said Settlement, and not held to the Conditions of the other eighty Shares nor liable to any Tax or Assessment untill improved by the Respective Owners.

That all white Pine trees fit for his Majesty's Use for masting the royal Navy be and hereby are reserved, and are hereby granted to his Majesty his Heirs and Successors for that Purpose. And in Case any of the Owners of the Said Eighty shares shall refuse neglect or Omitt to perform and fully Discharge any of the Conditions Articles Matters And things herein enjoined directed and ordered to be done by the Said Grantors as aforesaid he shall forfeit his share and Right in the said Tract of land and every part thereof to the said Grantors and their heirs and Assigns and it shall and may be lawfull for them or any of them or any Person or Persons by their Order or the Major part of them So ordering, in their name and Stead to enter into and upon the part of Such Delinquent Owner and him utterly thence to amove Oust Expel & Eject for the use of Said Grantors their heirs and Assigns. Provided Nevertheless and it is the true Intent and meaning of the Said Grantors in these presents That such forfeited shares (nor any of them) shall not be discharged by Such Forfeiture from the Charge burthen & Duty of Settling as aforesaid and performing all the Articles Matters and things herein above Specified for each owner of the Shares aforesaid to do and the Said Grantors in Case they Shall hold Such forfeited Shares shall and will do and perform the same and in Case of granting them again will enjoin and oblige the Grantors so to do— And the Said Grantors do hereby engage & promise to the Said Grantees to defend them their Heirs and Assigns in the Possession of the said granted Premises against the lawfull Claims of any Person or Persons claiming by any other Title than the Grantors or that from whence their's is derived with this Condition & Limitation that in Case of Eviction & Recovery against the said Grantees by any Such Title that they Recover

Nothing over in Satisfaction of and from y<sup>e</sup> Said Grantors their Heirs Executors or Administrators or any of them Provided there be no Indian War within any of the Terms & Limitations of time above mentioned for performing the said Articles Matters and things aforesaid to be done and performed by any of the Said Owners of the said Eighty shares, and in Case that should happen the Same times to be allowed for the Respective Matters aforesaid after Such Impediment shall be Removed

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 [*Petition of Proprietors of Meredith, 1749.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 150.]

At a Leagl meeting of the propriaters of that tract of Land granted to Sam<sup>n</sup> palmer Esq<sup>r</sup> and others —

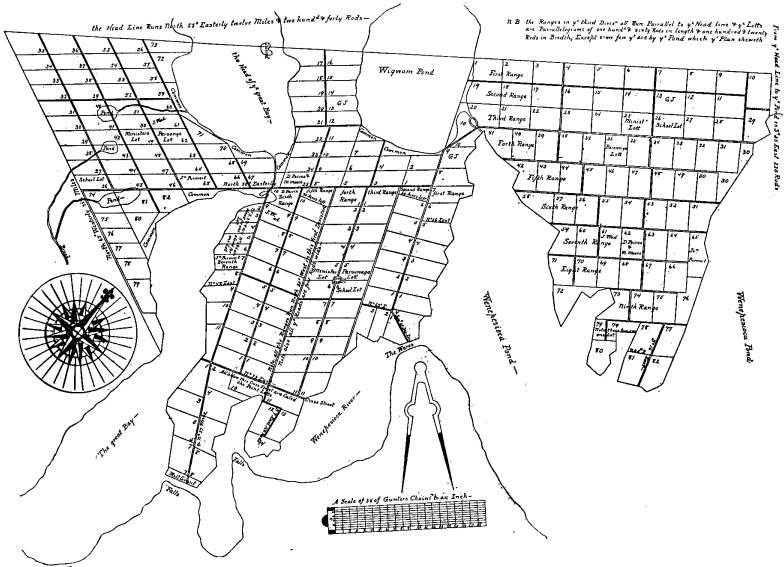
1<sup>ly</sup> voted M<sup>r</sup> John Sandburn be agent for us

Gentll men the granteors we pray you would not insist up on our haveing one hundred Lots in s<sup>d</sup> town it will be very Debtterimentt to S<sup>d</sup> town and Sixty of us have Cared on s<sup>d</sup> town heither to and are Desined to Lay it out into Lots as Soun as possabl we can and we pray your auswer by m<sup>r</sup> Sandburn whether we must have Sixty or Eighty —

Dated october 12<sup>th</sup> 1749 —

Joseph Rawlins propriaters Clark

[Plan of Meredith, 1758.]



A Plan of a Township Called Palmer's Town lying to y<sup>e</sup> Westward of Wenepesiocha Pond in y<sup>e</sup> Province of New Hamp<sup>s</sup> and was granted to Sam<sup>l</sup> Palmer Esq<sup>r</sup> & other Petitioners, by the Purchers of y<sup>e</sup> Right of John Tufan Mason Esq<sup>r</sup>; Survey'd A:D: 1750 & 1753.

by Jon<sup>n</sup> Longfellow Survey<sup>r</sup>  
 N: B: The Township is laid out into three Divis<sup>o</sup>ns the first Divis<sup>o</sup>n Contains one hund<sup>d</sup> Acres to each Right & are those Lots Number'd with Red from y<sup>e</sup> out let of Wigwam Pond Downward to y<sup>e</sup> Wares, the 2<sup>d</sup> Divis<sup>o</sup>n Contains Eighty Acres to each Right & are those Lots Number'd with Black the 3<sup>d</sup> Divis<sup>o</sup>n Contains one hund<sup>d</sup> & twenty Acres to each Right & are those Numb<sup>d</sup> with Red on y<sup>e</sup> N<sup>o</sup> E: of Wigwam Pond. &c. &c.—

N: B: the Ranges in y<sup>e</sup> Second Divis<sup>o</sup>n Run Parallel to y<sup>e</sup> Six Mile Line & are 160 Rods in Breadth which is y<sup>e</sup> Length of y<sup>e</sup> Lots the Lots are Parallel to y<sup>e</sup> Head Line of y<sup>e</sup> first Divis<sup>o</sup>n viz N<sup>o</sup> 50 E<sup>m</sup> & are 80 Rods in Breadth, Some fees excepted which appear by y<sup>e</sup> Plan.—

This Plan of the Tract of Land granted to Sam<sup>l</sup> Palmer Esq<sup>r</sup> and others Dec<sup>r</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> 1748—and agreeable to y<sup>e</sup> Vote pass'd May 3<sup>d</sup> 1754 for rectification of y<sup>e</sup> head Line—was accepted and Received by the Proprietors at their Meeting held may 3<sup>d</sup> 1754—

attest. Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>r</sup> CI

## [Draft of Lots in Meredith, 1754.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 151, and Proprietors' Records, Vol. 7, p. 56.]

Province of } At a meeting of the Proprietors of the Lands purchased of  
 New Hampshire } John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in Newhampshire, held at Portsmouth  
 the 3<sup>d</sup> day of May 1754 by adjournment.—At the said meeting the draft of the  
 Lots or shares of the tract of Land granted to Samuel Palmer Esq Jon<sup>a</sup> Shaw  
 Benj<sup>a</sup> Shaw & others were drawn for under the care & direction of said Proprietors,  
 in the following manner

		Number	division	Range	N <sup>o</sup>	divis	N <sup>o</sup>	Divis
1	Drawn to John Leavitt Jun <sup>r</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 6	1 <sup>st</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	37	2 <sup>nd</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 37	3 <sup>d</sup>
2	“ Sam <sup>l</sup> Solly & Cl <sup>t</sup> March Esq . . .	1	1 <sup>st</sup>	by the wares	N <sup>o</sup> 1	2 <sup>d</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 1	3 <sup>d</sup>
3	“ To the use of said Proprietors . . .	2	1 <sup>st</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 33	2 <sup>d</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 33	3 <sup>d</sup>
4	“ To the Heirs of Jo- tham Odiorne Esq dec <sup>d</sup> . . . . .	1	1 <sup>st</sup>	a point Lot	70	2 <sup>d</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 70	3 <sup>d</sup>
5	“ Theodore Atkinson Esq . . . . .	1	1 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>d</sup>	21	2 <sup>d</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 21	3 <sup>d</sup>
6	“ Benjamin Shaw . .	9	1 <sup>st</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 67	2 <sup>d</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 67	3 <sup>d</sup>
7	“ Nath <sup>l</sup> Bartlett Jun <sup>r</sup>	14	1 <sup>st</sup>	a point Lot	N <sup>o</sup> 73	2 <sup>d</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 73	3 <sup>d</sup>
8	“ Joshua Pierce Esq .	11	1 <sup>st</sup>	a point Lot	N <sup>o</sup> 80	2 <sup>d</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 80	3 <sup>d</sup>
9	“ Benj <sup>a</sup> Whitcher . .	2	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 Range	N <sup>o</sup> 6	2	N <sup>o</sup> 6	3 <sup>d</sup>
10	“ Samuel Norris . . .	5	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>d</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 19	2 <sup>d</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 19	3 <sup>d</sup>
11	“ Richard Scammon .	7	1 <sup>st</sup>	a point Lot	N <sup>o</sup> 77	2 <sup>d</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 77	3 <sup>d</sup>
12	“ John Shaw Jun <sup>r</sup> . .	2	1 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>d</sup> Range	N <sup>o</sup> 22	2 <sup>d</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 22	3 <sup>d</sup>
13	“ Joseph Fyfield . . .	9	1 <sup>st</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 40	2	N <sup>o</sup> 40	3 <sup>d</sup>
14	“ Benj <sup>a</sup> Norris, Stret- ham . . . . .	8	1 <sup>st</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 39	2	N <sup>o</sup> 39	3 <sup>d</sup>
15	“ Benj <sup>a</sup> Norris, Exeter	8	1 <sup>st</sup>	5	N <sup>o</sup> 50	2 <sup>d</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 50	3 <sup>d</sup>
16	To the use of said Propri- etors . . . . .	10	1 <sup>st</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 52	2	N <sup>o</sup> 52	3 <sup>d</sup>
17	Josiah Sanborn Jun <sup>r</sup> .	4	1 <sup>st</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 46	2 <sup>d</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 46	3 <sup>d</sup>
18	Jacob Low . . . . .	7	1 <sup>st</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 59	2 <sup>d</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 59	3 <sup>d</sup>
19	Mess <sup>r</sup> Thomlinson & Mason	4	1 <sup>st</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 56	2 <sup>d</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 56	3 <sup>d</sup>
20	Daniel Gale . . . . .	3	1 <sup>st</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 65	2 <sup>d</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 65	3 <sup>d</sup>
21	Joseph Clark . . . . .	1	1 <sup>st</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 53	2 <sup>d</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 53	3 <sup>d</sup>
22	Richard Wibird Esq . .	11	1 <sup>st</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 69	2	N <sup>o</sup> 69	3 <sup>d</sup>
23	Daniel Thirston . . . .	12	1 <sup>st</sup>	a point Lot	N <sup>o</sup> 81	2	N <sup>o</sup> 81	3 <sup>d</sup>

		Number	division	Range	N <sup>o</sup>	divis	N <sup>o</sup>	Divis
24	Rob <sup>t</sup> Cutler . . . . .	5-6	1 <sup>st</sup>	7 Range	N <sup>o</sup> 64	2 <sup>d</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 64	3 <sup>d</sup>
25	Thomas Ford . . . . .	5	1 <sup>st</sup>	a point Lot	N <sup>o</sup> 75	2	N <sup>o</sup> 75	3
26	William Chace . . . . .	5	1 <sup>st</sup>	5	47	2 <sup>d</sup>	47	3 <sup>d</sup>
27	Ephraim Robinson . . . . .	7	1 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>d</sup>	27	2	27	3 <sup>d</sup>
28	Joseph Pearson . . . . .	10	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	14	2 <sup>d</sup>	14	3 <sup>d</sup>
29	Joseph Robinson . . . . .	4	1 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>d</sup>	24	2	24	3 <sup>d</sup>
30	Elisha Smith . . . . .	2	1 <sup>st</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	54	2 <sup>d</sup>	54	3
31	John Smith . . . . .	6	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>d</sup>	20	2 <sup>d</sup>	20	3 <sup>d</sup>
32	Nath <sup>l</sup> Meserve & C <sup>o</sup> . . . . .	2	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>d</sup>	16	2	16	3 <sup>d</sup>
33	Joseph Rawlins . . . . .	1	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>d</sup>	15	2	15	3 <sup>d</sup>
34	Josiah Sanborn . . . . .	8	1 <sup>st</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	60	2	60	3 <sup>d</sup>
35	Joseph Jewitt . . . . .	7	1 <sup>st</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	36	2	40	3 <sup>d</sup>
36	Josiah Robinson Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	1	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 5	2	N <sup>o</sup> 5	3 <sup>d</sup>
37	Jacob Langfellow . . . . .	10	1 <sup>st</sup>	a point Lot	N <sup>o</sup> 79	2	N <sup>o</sup> 79	3 <sup>d</sup>
38	Joseph Norris . . . . .	4	1 <sup>st</sup>	a point Lot	N <sup>o</sup> 74	2	N <sup>o</sup> 74	3
39	Thomas Packer Esq . . . . .	11	1 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>d</sup> Range	N <sup>o</sup> 31	2	N <sup>o</sup> 31	3 <sup>d</sup>
40	John Morgan . . . . .	8	1 <sup>st</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 66	2	66	3 <sup>d</sup>
41	Moses Chace . . . . .	5	1 <sup>st</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	57	2 <sup>d</sup>	57	3 <sup>d</sup>
42	Joseph Goodhue . . . . .	9	D <sup>o</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	51	D <sup>o</sup>	51	D <sup>o</sup>
43	Daniel Smith . . . . .	10	D <sup>o</sup>	7	68	D <sup>o</sup>	68	D <sup>o</sup>
44	James Gibson . . . . .	7	D <sup>o</sup>	4	38	D <sup>o</sup>	38	D <sup>o</sup>
45	John Moffatt Esq . . . . .	6	D <sup>o</sup>	1	10	D <sup>o</sup>	10	D <sup>o</sup>
46	John Prumort . . . . .	7	D <sup>o</sup>	7	65	D <sup>o</sup>	65	D <sup>o</sup>
47	Dan <sup>l</sup> Peirce & Mary Moore . . . . .	10	D <sup>o</sup>	6	25	D <sup>o</sup>	62	D <sup>o</sup>
48	David Rawlings . . . . .	3	D <sup>o</sup>	a point Lot	72	D <sup>o</sup>	72	D <sup>o</sup>
49	Joseph Rawlings of Hampton . . . . .	6	D <sup>o</sup>	5 Range	48	D <sup>o</sup>	48	D <sup>o</sup>
50	Chace Robinson . . . . .	6	D <sup>o</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	58	D <sup>o</sup>	58	D <sup>o</sup>
51	Samuel Palmer Esq . . . . .	2	D <sup>o</sup>	a point Lot	71	D <sup>o</sup>	71	D <sup>o</sup>
52	James Scammon . . . . .	6	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	76	D <sup>o</sup>	76	D <sup>o</sup>
53	Josiah Goodhue . . . . .	13	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	82	D <sup>o</sup>	82	D <sup>o</sup>
54	Mark H <sup>s</sup> Wentworth Esq . . . . .	2	D <sup>o</sup>	5 Range	44	D <sup>o</sup>	44	D <sup>o</sup>
55	Jonathan Longfellow . . . . .	4	D <sup>o</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	8	D <sup>o</sup>	8	D <sup>o</sup>
56	Thomas Wallingford Esq . . . . .	10	D <sup>o</sup>	3	30	D <sup>o</sup>	30	D <sup>o</sup>
57	John Light . . . . .	3	D <sup>o</sup>	by y <sup>e</sup> Wares	3	D <sup>o</sup>	3	D <sup>o</sup>
58	Elip <sup>t</sup> Rawlings . . . . .	2	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	2	D <sup>o</sup>	2	D <sup>o</sup>
59	Tilton Lawrence . . . . .	8	D <sup>o</sup>	3 Range	28	D <sup>o</sup>	28	D <sup>o</sup>
60	Oliver Smith . . . . .	4	D <sup>o</sup>	2 <sup>d</sup>	18	D <sup>o</sup>	18	D <sup>o</sup>

		N <sup>o</sup>	Division	Range	N <sup>o</sup>	2 <sup>d</sup> Divis	N <sup>o</sup>	3 <sup>d</sup> Divis
61	John Rindge . . . . .	3	D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>	17	D <sup>o</sup>	17	D <sup>o</sup>
62	Jon <sup>a</sup> Wadleigh . . . . .	1	D <sup>o</sup>	5	43	D <sup>o</sup>	43	D <sup>o</sup>
63	Samuel Goodhue Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	4	D <sup>o</sup>	by the Wares	4	D <sup>o</sup>	4	D <sup>o</sup>
64	Lazarus Row . . . . .	3	D <sup>o</sup>	3 <sup>d</sup> Range	23	D <sup>o</sup>	23	D <sup>o</sup>
65	John Wentworth Esq . . . . .	7	D <sup>o</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	11	D <sup>o</sup>	11	D <sup>o</sup>
66	Moses Rawlings . . . . .	8	D <sup>o</sup>	a point Lot	78	D <sup>o</sup>	78	D <sup>o</sup>
67	Abraham Clark . . . . .	9	D <sup>o</sup>	3 Range	29	D <sup>o</sup>	29	D <sup>o</sup>
68	John Taylor . . . . .	1	D <sup>o</sup>	4	32	D <sup>o</sup>	32	D <sup>o</sup>
69	Joseph Rawlins Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	8	D <sup>o</sup>	1	12	D <sup>o</sup>	12	D <sup>o</sup>
70	Samuel Norris . . . . .	11	D <sup>o</sup>	4	42	D <sup>o</sup>	42	D <sup>o</sup>
71	Jon <sup>a</sup> Shaw . . . . .	3	D <sup>o</sup>	1	7	D <sup>o</sup>	7	D <sup>o</sup>
72	Daniel Clark . . . . .	4	D <sup>o</sup>	4	35	D <sup>o</sup>	35	D <sup>o</sup>
73	Benj <sup>a</sup> Jewitt . . . . .	3	D <sup>o</sup>	5	45	D <sup>o</sup>	45	D <sup>o</sup>
74	Joseph Wadleigh . . . . .	9	D <sup>o</sup>	6	61	D <sup>o</sup>	61	D <sup>o</sup>
75	George Jaffrey . . . . .	9	D <sup>o</sup>	1	13	D <sup>o</sup>	13	D <sup>o</sup>
76	Oliver Smith J <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	10	D <sup>o</sup>	4	41	D <sup>o</sup>	41	D <sup>o</sup>
77	Jonathan Sibley . . . . .	2,3,4	D <sup>o</sup>	7	63	D <sup>o</sup>	63	D <sup>o</sup>
78	For the use of s <sup>d</sup> Proprietors	3	D <sup>o</sup>	4	34	D <sup>o</sup>	34	D <sup>o</sup>
79	For the use of s <sup>d</sup> Proprietors	5	D <sup>o</sup>	1	9	D <sup>o</sup>	9	D <sup>o</sup>
	First settled Ministers Lot	5	D <sup>o</sup>	4	49	D <sup>o</sup>	25	D <sup>o</sup>
	Lot for Ministry . . . . .	5	D <sup>o</sup>	3	62	D <sup>o</sup>	36	D <sup>o</sup>
	School Lot . . . . .	6	D <sup>o</sup>	3	26	D <sup>o</sup>	26	D <sup>o</sup>

A true copy of Record of the Draft of Lots in Palmers Town, Now Meredith November 1<sup>st</sup> 1823.

Attest

Jeremiah Libbey  
Proprietors Clerk

[*Interpretation of Meredith Charter, 1754.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, May 3, 1754.]

Province of } Portsmouth May 3<sup>d</sup> 1754, Fryday eight of the  
New Hampshire } Clock beforenoon at the Dwelling house of Ann  
Slayton Innholder the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment—

Whereas the Proprietors at their Meeting held in December 31<sup>st</sup> 1748—Granted to Samuel Palmer Esqu<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Shaw and others a tract of Land within Said Province containing the Extent of Six Miles Square bounded viz<sup>t</sup> beginning at an Hemlock Tree by the



great Bay of Winipisiokee River which is the South easterly Corner bounds of that Tract of land granted to John Samborn and others by Said Proprietors and which lyes adjoining to the laud hereby granted and runs from Said Tree northwesterly Six miles joining on the Said land granted to John Samborn or near Six miles to a Beach tree marked which is the northwesterly Corner bounds of the Said Tract of land then running fifty five degrees east about Seven Miles to a white oak tree by the Side of Winipisiokee Pond marked on four Sides then running South Easterly by the Side of Said Pond to the River aforesaid then on said River to the great Bay aforesaid then on Said Bay to the Hemlock tree first mentioned and whereas the Second Side line mentioned in Said Grant, that is to Say, from the Beech Tree mentioned—running fifty five degrees east about Seven Miles to a white oak tree by the Side of Winipisiokee pond, the word north not there mentioned, as was intended admits of Some Doubt about that Line—

Voted That the Grant aforesaid made to Samuel Palmer Esqu' and others did mean and intend, and by the words fifty five degrees East was meant and intended fifty five degrees east from the north point of the Compass as is commonly understood, and that the line from the Beach Tree towards Winipisiokee Pond is and shall be A line fifty five degrees east from the north point and that the word north being left out was a Clerical mistake Contrary to the Intent of the Grantors & is hereby rectified

And whereas the aforesaid line of fifty five degrees East from the north line running from the Beach Tree first mentioned Seven miles does not come to Winipisiokee pond but at about twelve Miles & three quarters distance from Said Beach Tree aforesaid upon a more exact Survey of the Same as by a plan thereof made the Said line run's to the westward of the Pond at two hundred and twenty Rods distant as by the Plan and Division thereof made and returned by Jonathan Longfellow.

Voted That the Plan and Division of the Same be and hereby is accepted and the lands therein delineated divided & Set off is hereby confirmed and Established as the lands meant and intended in the Said Grant and the Several Lotts and Divisions therein mentioned are hereby confirmed to the grantees in Said Grant mentioned and in the Same manner & on the Conditions and Reservations in Said grant mentioned and all unappropriated Lotts to be to the use of the Grantors—and the Said Lotts in Said Tract of Land drawn to the said Grantees, by a Draft thereof this day made be to them their heirs and assigns on y<sup>e</sup> Conditions in the Grant thereof mentioned & Provided always that the Grantees in said Grant named and

intended shall Vote an Acceptance of this Confirmation as if the Same was all mentioned in their first Grant—also—

Voted That the Lotts in Said Tract of land drawn to the Proprietors the Grantors as by the Draft this day made be to them their Heirs & assigns for ever in Severalty—

[*Grant of Forfeited Shares to Town Proprietors, 1765.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Dec. 31, 1765.]

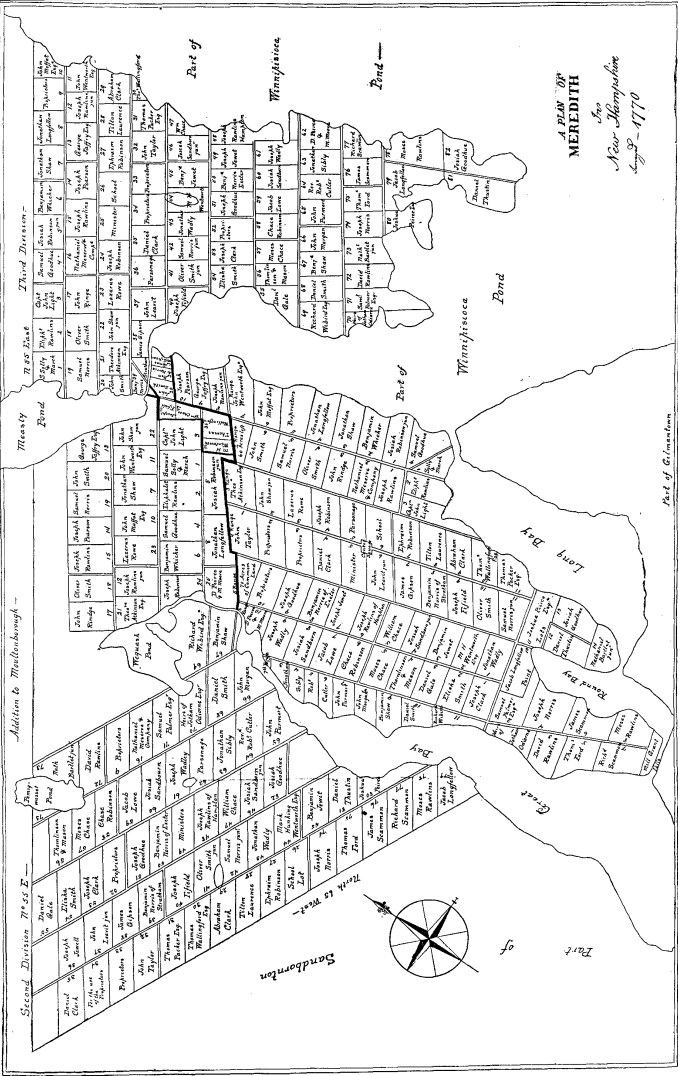
Whereas the said Proprietors on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December 1748 Granted to Samuel Palmer Esq<sup>r</sup> & others a Certain tract of Land in said Province by Estimation Six miles Square or Equal thereto in order for the Settling the same in a Regular form to make a Township on such Limitations and Restrictions as are Expressed in the said Grant and among other things it is Declared and Limited that if any of the Grantees should not Comply with, fulfill and perform the Several Articles Matters & things by each Grantee to be done according to said Limitations and Conditions the Right Interest & Share of such Grantee, shou'd be forfeited, return, and remain to the Grantors, the Proprietors aforesaid—And whereas since that time many of said Grantees have failed and Neglected some to Settle & Clear their Lots & Shares, others to pay their Proportion of the Taxes and discharge other Duties Enjoin'd them by their said Grant, whereby their Respective Shares & Rights within said Tract are forfeited to and become the Property of said Proprietors according to the tenor of said Grant and liable to be regranted and it having been Represented to said Proprietors that if said forfeited Shares were Granted to the other Grantees who have done their duty according to said Grant and the said Conditions it would promote the Settlement and said Proprietors Desiring to help forward said Settlement and Encourage those of said Grantees, who have done, and are still doing all they can to advance the Settlement—Therefore—

Voted, that all the Rights title Interest Property and Demand of the said Proprietors of in & unto the said forfeited Shares each and every of them or that shall be so forfeited be and hereby is Granted to the other of said Grantees who have or shall have Performed all the Conditions of said Grant within the time limited therein or such further time as said Proprietors shall allow for their forbearance to re Enter and the said Grantees are hereby Authorized in the names of the said Proprietors to enter into such forfeited Shares and the same to Improve dispose of sell or otherways apply to their own use

as they shall see Cause, Provided, the said Grantees, perform the Conditions and Directions in their said Grant—

This Vote was pass'd at the Motion and Request of Cap<sup>t</sup> Joseph Hoit M<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Smith & Ephraim Robinson who appear<sup>d</sup> as a Committee of said Grantees

[Plan of Meredith, 1770.]



N.B: The first Division of Lots contains 100 Acres each and are numbered with Red Ink, and lay to the South of the Merrimack Pond. The second Division contains 100 Acres each and are numbered with Green Ink. The Third Division lays on the North Eastern part of the Town, is Numbered with Red, and contains 95 Acres. The Lots below the Green Range Way from No 1 to 14 are called Point Lots.

This plan of Meredith drawn by a Scale of thirty five chains to an Inch is agreeable to the plan made by a Committee chosen to lay out and plan the Second and third Divisions of Said Town which plan was accepted by the Proprietors the first Division being also annexed to the Said Second and third Division in said Plan is now presented by us as a Committee of the Proprietors the Grantees of Said Township, to the Proprietors the Grantees for their Approbation & acceptance—At Fortsmouth ye 12 day of December 1770 & at their meeting then held  
 Josiah Sanborn } Com<sup>rs</sup>  
 Ebenezer Smith }

[Improvements in Meredith, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 152.]

Names of People who are Heads of Family	N <sup>o</sup> Lots	Range	Acres Cleard	Acres Fell	Sort Houses	Barns
Sam <sup>l</sup> Kimble . . . . .	4	pt	0	13	Frame	
Jona <sup>s</sup> Smith . . . . .	6	d <sup>o</sup>	12	10	d <sup>o</sup>	
Tho <sup>s</sup> Damford . . . . .	7	d <sup>o</sup>	10	6	d <sup>o</sup>	20 feet
Daniel Morrison . . . . .	8	d <sup>o</sup>	6	2	d <sup>o</sup>	
Abraham Folsom . . . . .	14	d <sup>o</sup>	14	6	d <sup>o</sup>	Logg
David Watson . . . . .	1	6	7	4	d <sup>o</sup>	
Job Judkins . . . . .	2	6	6	14	d <sup>o</sup>	
George Bean . . . . .	2	6	16	8	d <sup>o</sup>	
Reuben Mastin Ju <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	4	5	9	6	d <sup>o</sup>	
William Meed . . . . .	3	5	25	15	d <sup>o</sup>	
Jacob Eatton . . . . .	2		10	10	Logg	
Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Smith . . . . .	10	pt	40	8	Frame	24 & 30
d <sup>o</sup> d <sup>o</sup> . . . . .	11	4	8	3		
Nich <sup>l</sup> Carr Folsom . . . . .	11	4	4	3	d <sup>o</sup>	
Joseph Roberts . . . . .	10	4	6	10	d <sup>o</sup>	
Jerem <sup>m</sup> Smith . . . . .	8	4	15	6	d <sup>o</sup>	30 & 24
Reuben Mastin . . . . .	7	4	4	4	d <sup>o</sup>	Logg
Abraham Swain . . . . .	8	7	12	2	d <sup>o</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>
James Quimby . . . . .	9	3	8	3	Logg	d <sup>o</sup>
Sam <sup>l</sup> Torry . . . . .	3	1	8	4	d <sup>o</sup>	
Robert Bryant . . . . .	4	3	10	4	Frame	Logg
John Boynton . . . . .	4	4	7	4	Logg	
William Ray . . . . .	3	3	7	5	d <sup>o</sup>	
Eben <sup>r</sup> Pitman . . . . .	5	6	0	10		
Names of People That Began						
W <sup>m</sup> Crockett . . . . .	2		—	12		
David Lawrence . . . . .	3. 6 R		7	3		
Joseph Conner . . . . .	4. 1 <sup>st</sup> R			4		
Nath <sup>l</sup> Robertson . . . . .	4. 3 <sup>d</sup> R			12		
John Pike . . . . .	5. 5 <sup>th</sup>		3	3		
John Stephens . . . . .	4. 2 <sup>d</sup>			4		

Saw Mill on Mill Grant Main River  
 Grist Mill on Mill Grant Wequash Brook  
 No Meeting house for Publick Worship—

The above is an Acco<sup>t</sup> of the settlements & Improvements in the Land Granted to Sam<sup>l</sup> Palmer & Others—

Surv<sup>d</sup> & exam<sup>d</sup> by  
 Wob<sup>r</sup>borough Jan<sup>y</sup> 1770

Jotham Rindge & W<sup>m</sup> Blake

[Improvements in Meredith, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 153.]

A Return of the Settlements and Improvements in the town of meredith in the Province of New Hampshire and with account of the Names of the orignal grantees or proprietors Shears that Said Settlements are made upon and all Done in the first Devision of Land

	Number of the famerly	Acres of Land Cleard	Land fell Acrs
Ebenezer Smith orignely Jacob Longfel- low fraim house and Barn—	7	46	12
Dito on the orignel of Samuel Norris Juner—	0	7	5
William mead orignely Benjamin Jewett fraim House & Barn—	11	30	15
Jeremiah Smith orignely Benjamin Nor- riss at Stratham fraim house & Barn .	6	25	15
Reuben marston orignely James Gibson fraim house—	7	7	6
Reuben Marston Juner orignely Josiah Samborn fraim house—	3	15	8
George Bean orignely Elisha Smith fraim house & pole Barn—	8	20	5
David watson orignely Joseph Clerk fraim house—	3	10	5
Job Judkins orignely Elisha Smith fraim house—		8	12
Abraham folsom orignely Nathaniel Bart- let Juner fraim house & fraim Barn .	4	14	6
John Kimbel orignely Joseph norries fraim house—	6	4	9
Jonathan Smith orignely James Scam- mon a fraim houses—	6	12	13
thomas Danford orignely Richard Scam- mon a Logg house fraim Barn . . .	12	12	8
Daniel morrison orignely mozes Rawlings a Log house—	5	5	3
Nicholas Carr folsom orignely Samuel Norries Juner fraim house—	4	3	7
Joseph Roberds orignely Oliver Smith Jur a fraim house—		12	8
James Quinby orignely abraham Clerk a Logg house—	8	8	2
Jacob Eaton orignely Eliphelet Rawlings a Log house & Barn—	11	12	8

	Number of the famerly	Acres of Land Cleard	Land fell Acrs
Samuel torrey orignely Jonathan Shaw a Log house & Barn—	7	8	6
Robert Bryent orignely Joseph Robinson a fraim houes pole Barn—	4	10	3
William Ray orignely Lazarus Row a pole house & Barn—	4	8	8
Ebenezer Pitman orignely Daniel Clerk pole house & Barn—	5	8	3
ae orignely moses Chase fraim house—		6	8
Abraham Swain orignely John Morgin fraim house & Log Barn	3	13	8
David Lawrence Esq <sup>r</sup> orignely Daniel Gale pole house—		8	2
William Crocket orignely Samuel Palmer Esq <sup>r</sup> Log house—	4	8	9
John pike orignely William Chase—		3	2
Nathaniel Robinson orignely Joseph Rob- inson fraim house—	5	5	7
Joseph Connor orignely Jonathan Long- fellow—		0	6
John Holland orignely Oliver Smith—		0	4
John witcher orignely Benj <sup>a</sup> Witcher Log house—	1	1	5
John Neal orignaly Jonathan Wadleigh		1	3
Jonathan Danford orignaly Richard Scam- mon	1	0	4
Jeremiah Smith orignaly Benjamin Nor- ris of Exeter—		0	3

this Return is made at the Request of the Honourel grantors of the above said township by Ebenezer Smith of said town Nov<sup>r</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1770—

John mead orignaly Benj<sup>a</sup> Shaw Six acres of trees fell

John Dockhum orignaly Joseph Rawlings of hampton two acres fell and a house part Built

[*Petition of William Smith, Jr., 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 154.]

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Dan<sup>l</sup> Peirce Esq<sup>r</sup> & others a Committee of the Purchasers of the Right of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> —

The Request of William Smith Jun<sup>r</sup> of New Salem in County of Rockingham, Shews Whereas the aforesaid Purchasers have a Tract of Land containing about fifty Acres lying adjoining the Province Line between that & Londonderry Line, not yet disposed of, and as the said Smith has a Desire to make a Settlement on said Tract, would be glad the said Purchasers, would get the same surveyed in Order to know the exact Quantity that he might purchase the same, if he and the aforesaid Purchasers could agree on the Terms

William Smith Jun<sup>r</sup>

[*Bond for Deed to Daniel Smith, 1798.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 156.]

I promise to give M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Smith a good Deed for the Second division Lot in Meredith Drawn & Recorded to the original Right of Blanchard Meserve & C<sup>o</sup> being Lot N<sup>o</sup> 16 — on Demand after the same has been advertized & sold for the Taxes due for the present year provided he buys the same at Vendue for and on my Account — June 20<sup>th</sup> 1798 on condition of his paying me his Note of hand of that date for one hundred pounds or gives me Collateral Security therefor

John Peirce

[*Meredith Memoranda.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 156.]

Memorandum Cap<sup>t</sup> Tasker desires the Proprietors would Determine the Lots in Meredith as he has Always paid for Lot N<sup>o</sup> 2

Give Co<sup>t</sup> Gerrish Directions about the Lines

Banfields how to Run his Lots give Directions — see Cursor Letters

Adjourn for a fortnight —

Directions to Col<sup>l</sup> Smith concerning the undivided Lands in Meredith to Run the same out and Draw for them

David Boynton's 50 Acres in 2<sup>d</sup> Division of the Common Land on the Road in New Salem adjoining the Line of the Gore at the Head of New Salem or Meredith has fell 20 Acres & built a small log house

Enquire of M<sup>r</sup> Jaffrey ab<sup>t</sup> This —



## MIDDLETON.

[Granted as *Middletown* by the Masonian Proprietors, April 27, 1749, to Ebenezer Varney and others. The charter was renewed March 21, 1770. Incorporated as Middleton March 4, 1778. The inhabitants of the north part attempted to get incorporation as a separate township in 1785, but were unsuccessful. They succeeded later, and were incorporated as Brookfield December 30, 1794.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 127, 456; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 594; Index to Laws, 345; papers under titles Coulerain and Kingswood; sketch, Hurd's History of Strafford County, 1882, p. 644; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 162; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 335; Notes on, 8, Mass. Historical Society Collections, 120.]

[*Charter of Middleton, 1749.*]

[Masonian Proprietor's Records, April 27, 1749.]

Voted That there be and Hereby is granted unto Ebenezer Varney William Wentworth Benjamin Wentworth Job Hussey John Roberts Job Clements the Third Thomas Varney Nath<sup>l</sup> Varney John Heard Samuel Clements William Horn Joseph Varney jun<sup>r</sup> Peter Cook Nath<sup>l</sup> Willard Andrew Horn Benjamin Evans Nath<sup>l</sup> Hanson John Varney Samuel Varney Timothy Hanson jun<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Horn Silvanus Hussey Richard Goodwin Jonathan Merry James Clements Ebenezer Garland Joseph Wentworth Ephraim Wentworth Samuel Young Thomas Bickford William Ham Nathaniel Young Edward Ellis William Whitehouse Joseph Conner Jonathan Gage Joseph Hanson Ephraim Hanson John Ham jun<sup>r</sup> James Guppy Jun<sup>r</sup> John Tasket Zachariah Pitman John Pearl Jun<sup>r</sup> Richard Hussey Field Plummer Isaac Hanson Jun<sup>r</sup> John Cook jun<sup>r</sup> Stephen Roberts Benjamin Roberts Benjamin Heard Andrew Marshall Benjamin Weymouth James Philpot Nath<sup>l</sup> Astin Daniel Hanson John Hall Joshua Stagpole Love Roberts jun<sup>r</sup> Thomas Wentworth Richard Philpot George Hanson John Kielle John Drew Isaac Watson Samuel Heard Job Clements jun<sup>r</sup> Moses Carr Benjamin Stanton Eleazer Wear John Gage Mark Wallingford Benjamin Mason Eleazer Young Mark Giles Tristram Coffin Noah Cross Thomas Roberts Jun<sup>r</sup> all of Dover and Somersworth in Said Province & Timothy Roberts & John Bickford both of Rochester in Said Province & Noah Emery of Kittery in Equal Shares Excepting as is herein after Excepted on the Terms Conditions & Limitations herein After Expressed all That tract of Land within the Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Containing the Quantity of Six Miles Square Bounded as follows Viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at the Southwest-

erly Corner of a Tract of Land Granted to John Ham Gershom Downs and Others upon and at Rochester Head Line and from that Extent to Run Westerly by Said Line of Rochester five Miles and Continuing the Breadth of five Miles to Extend from the head Line of Rochester so far Northwardley as to Make Equal to Six miles Square Adjoyning to the Said Tract of Land granted to the said John Ham Gershom Downs & Others And The Head Line of the Same to be a Line Parallel with the Head Line of Rochester and the Side Lines to be Strait To have & to hold to them their Heirs and Assigns in Equal Shares Excepting as Aforesaid on the Following Terms Conditions & Limitations that is to Say that The whole Tract of Land within the Said Boundaries (Saving what is herein after mentioned to be Otherwise Improved) be Divided into one Hundred Shares or Rights & Each Share to be Laid out into two Distinct Lots one of which to Contain one hundred Acres and the other all the Rest of the Land belonging to Each Respective Share. That the whole be So Laid out and the two Lots to Each Share be Number'd with the Same Number beginning with one and Ending with one hundred. That the Said Land be so Laid out within one Year from the Granting thereof and then the Lots Drawn for in the usual manner of Drawing for Lots of Land in Such Cases and that This be Done at Portsmouth aforesaid Under the Care & Direction of the Grantors and So done as to Make but one Draft to Each Share. That one of Said Shares be for the first Minister of the Gospel who Shall be Settled on the said Land & Continue there During his life or until he Shall be Regularly Dismist to hold to him his Heirs & Assigns —

and one Other of the Said Shares be for & towards the Support of the Gospel Ministry there forever And the hundred Acre Lots belonging to these two Shares Shall be Laid out as near the Place where the Meeting House Shall be Built as may Conveniently be Done & not to be drawn as the Other Lots That there be Six Acres of Land left in Some Convenient Place within Said Boundaries for Building a Meeting house & School House Upon, Improving as a Training feild a Burying place & any other Public use The Inhabitants there may have Occasion of, That one other of said Shares be for the use and Support of a School there forever That Seventeen of the Said Shares be and Hereby are Reserved to the use of the said Proprietors the Grantors in these Presents their Heirs and Assigns That the owners of the other Eighty Shares make a Regular Settlement There at there own Charge & Expence in the Following manner Viz: That Thirty Families be Settled upon Said Tract of Land Each having an House of Sixteen foot Square at Least or Equal Thereto &

Three Acres of Land Cleared and fitted for Tillage or Mowing upon their Respective Lots within four years next After a Proclamation of Peace between the English French and Indians and Ten Families more so Settled within five years from the Said Peace That within Six years next after the Said Peace a Meeting house for the Public Worship of God be built there fitted for that purpose for the use of the Inhabitants there and that they Maintain and Support the Constant Preaching of the Gospel There After the Expiration of Seven Years from the Said Peace —

That there be twenty Acres of Land left in Some Suitable Place within Said Boundaries for a Priviledge and accommodation of a Saw Mill which Shall be to him or them his or Their Heirs and Assigns who will build Such a Mill within five years from the Peace Aforesaid with the Privilege of the Most Convenient Stream and Place for doing the Same And in Consideration thereof for the benefit of the Said Inhabitants the owner or owners of Such Mill Shall Saw the Logs and Timber of the other of the Said Inhabitants there to the Halves for the term of ten years next After the Said mill Shall first work if Desired so to Do And if no Particular Person or Persons of the owners of Said Shares or Such Other Person or Persons as the Majority of them Shall permit to do the Same will Undertake to build Such Mill on the terms Aforesaid then the Said owners Shall do the Same at their Common Charge put the Said Mill under Such a Regulation as that they and Others Inhabiting There may have their Logs & Timber Sawed as Occasion may Require for building on the Land hereby granted

That Each owner of the Said Eighty Shares Pay to Such person or persons as the Majority of them Shall Elect for that purpose all Such Sum and Sums of Money bills of Public Credit as the Said owners or the Major Part of them shall Determine to be Necessary from time to time & as Occasion Shall Require to Defray the Charges of Laying out the Said Land as Aforesaid and other Matters and Things Necessary to be done for the Making a Settlement as Aforesaid and performing the other Matters and Things herein Directed to be Done. That in Laying out the Said Lots Care be taken to Sort them in Such a Manner as to make the Shares as Equal as possible That the Lots be Laid out in Ranges where the Land will Admit of it and Land left between the Ranges for Highways of four Rods wide and between the Lots of two Rods wide and that a Plan of the whole when So Laid out be made at the Charge of the Said owners and Returned to the Said Grantors as Soon as May be Done with Conveniency

That the Remaining Seventeen Shares Reserved as Aforesaid be

Exonerated acquitted & fully Exempted from paying any Charge towards making the Said Settlement and not held to the Conditions of the Eighty Shares aforesaid nor be Liable to any Tax or Assessment until Improved by the Respective Owners thereof

That all white Pine trees fit for Masting the Royall Navy be and hereby are Reserved and Granted to his Majesty his Heirs and Successors forever for that Purpose

That in Case the said Grantees Shall fail Neglect and Omit to Settle forty Families upon the Said Granted premises in Manner Aforesaid & within The term aforesaid Each family having the Quantity of three acres of Land Cleared & fitted as Aforesaid and to do and Perform the Several Articles Matters and Things above Mentioned to be performed and Done by the said owners of the Said Eighty Shares It Shall and may be Lawfull for the said Grantors or any of them or any Person or Persons in their name & Stead to their use and by their Authority or the Major Part of them to Enter into and Upon the said Granted Premises or any part thereof for the whole and thence to Amove oust and Utterly to Expel the Said Grantees and the said granted Premises Shall be forfeited to the use of the Grantors and they shall thereby be Reseized and Vested in their former Estate Right Title and Interest to and in the Said Granted Premises as Though this grant had never been Made and the Same Shall from Thenceforward be null Void and of none Effect to all Intents and Purposes any thing herein Contained to the Contrary Thereof Notwithstanding And all and Every of the Said Grantees who Shall not do and Perform his Respective part and Duty in Making and Carrying on the Said Settlem<sup>t</sup> (in Case of the Settlement of forty families as Aforesaid) Such Delinquent owner Shall forfeit his Share and Right in the Said premises to Those who Shall have so Performed & done their part and duty as Aforesaid in Making the Said Settlement who Shall hereby have full Power and Authority into the said forfeited Right and Share to Enter and Thereof to become Seized to their own use in Manner Aforesaid

Provided Nevertheless That the Said grantees do and Shall when they Shall be Thereunto Respectively requested Enter into a Contract and Personally Oblige themselves and Their Respective Heirs & Assigns to do and Perform the Several Articles matters and Things by them herein before Mentioned to be Performed & done by Signing and Executing Such Instrument or Instruments in Writing as by Counsel Learned in the law Shall be Advised and Devised for that Purpose And in that Case and not Otherwise the said Grantors do Hereby promise and Ingage to the said Grantees that they the Said Grantors their Heirs and Assigns Shall and will at their own

Expence and Charge Try the Title of the Said Granted premises by pursuing and prosecuting an Action for the whole or any part thereof thro' the whole Course of Law to a final Judgment before the King in Council (if need be to Carry the Same So far) with Such Person or Persons as Shall be thereto Disposed who Shall Dispute the Title of the said Grantees hereby Conveyed — But in Case the Title of the Grantees Derived from the said Grantors by these presents to the Said Premises Shall be Condemned & the Title of the Person or Persons so Disputing with the Grantors to the Premises Shall by Such final Judgment be Prefer'd then the Grantees in these Presents Shall Recover Nothing of the said Grantors for the Said Premises nor for any Labour Expence and Charge they the said Grantees their Heirs or Assigns Shall have been at in Consequence of this grant

And it is to be Understood that the Numbers of Years Mention'd herein for the Said Grantees to do and perform the Several Articles Matters and Things aforesaid is to be So many years free from the Impediment and Interruption of an Indian War —

[Draft of Lots in Middleton, 1750.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 225.]

Province of } Portsmouth, April 11<sup>th</sup> 1750, Wednesday at the House of  
 New Hamp<sup>s</sup> } Ann Slayton Inn holder---The Draft of the Township granted to  
 Eben<sup>r</sup> Varney, William Wentworth, & others, under Direction of the Proprietors

drawn	N <sup>o</sup> of Lots	drawn	N <sup>o</sup> of Lots
1 George Jaffrey . . . . .	79	2 Job Clements the 3 <sup>d</sup> . . . . .	86
3 Isaac Watson . . . . .	93	4 Mark H <sup>s</sup> Wentworth Esq . . . . .	81
5 Mark H <sup>s</sup> Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	48	6 Nathaniel Young . . . . .	47
7 Law Lot N <sup>o</sup> 2 . . . . .	31	8 Noah Cross . . . . .	95
9 Dan <sup>l</sup> Peirce & Mary Moor . . . . .	96	10 James Clements . . . . .	22
11 Ephraim Wentworth . . . . .	18	12 Field Plumer . . . . .	75
13 Ebenezer Horn . . . . .	21	14 Benj <sup>a</sup> Roberts . . . . .	38
15 Jn <sup>o</sup> Tufton Mason & } John Thomlinson Esq <sup>rs</sup> }	33	16 Richard Goodwin . . . . .	83
17 Benjamin Mason . . . . .	94	18 John Herd . . . . .	93
19 John Wentworth jr Esq. . . . .	34	20 William Wentworth . . . . .	66
21 Timothy Roberts . . . . .	35	22 James Guppy jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	12
23 Benj <sup>a</sup> Weymouth . . . . .	19	24 Jonathan Gage . . . . .	37
25 Daniel Hanson . . . . .	50	26 Samuel Herd . . . . .	30
27 Love Roberts jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	62	28 Thomas Varney . . . . .	89
29 John Ham jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	97	30 Tho <sup>s</sup> Wallingford Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	43
31 Eleazer Young . . . . .	27	32 Edward Ellis . . . . .	88
33 Benjamin Herd . . . . .	3	34 School Lot . . . . .	98
35 Joseph Hanson . . . . .	72	36 John Kielle . . . . .	20
37 Nath <sup>l</sup> Austin . . . . .	10	38 Tristram Coffin . . . . .	15
39 John Drew . . . . .	68	40 Sam <sup>l</sup> Solly & Cl <sup>l</sup> March Esq <sup>rs</sup> . . . . .	16
41 John Tasket . . . . .	59	42 Richard Philpot . . . . .	14
43 William Horn . . . . .	24	44 William Ham . . . . .	58
45 Theodore Atkinson Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	40	46 John Varney . . . . .	4
47 Isaac Hanson jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	44	48 Ebenezer Varney . . . . .	100
49 Benj <sup>a</sup> Stanton . . . . .	41	50 Richard Wibird Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	69
51 Jon <sup>s</sup> Murray . . . . .	45	52 Samuel Young . . . . .	25
53 James Philpot . . . . .	42	54 Job Clements jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	82
55 Moses Carr . . . . .	17	56 W <sup>m</sup> Whitehouse . . . . .	71
57 John Cook jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	53	58 Nath <sup>l</sup> Varney . . . . .	77
59 Noah Emery . . . . .	6	60 Mark Giles . . . . .	23
61 Samuel Varney . . . . .	49	62 Benj <sup>a</sup> Evans . . . . .	78
63 Andrew Marshal . . . . .	39	64 Eben <sup>r</sup> Garland . . . . .	2
65 Thomas Packer Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	92	66 Rich <sup>d</sup> Hussey . . . . .	32
67 Thomas Bickford . . . . .	73	68 Joshua Peirce Esq . . . . .	1
69 Eleazer Wear . . . . .	36	70 John Moffatt Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	51
71 Peter Cook . . . . .	91	72 Joseph Conner . . . . .	63
73 Law Lot N <sup>o</sup> 1 . . . . .	61	74 Joshua Stagpole . . . . .	60
75 John Pearl jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	13	76 Sylvanus Hussey . . . . .	84
77 Nath <sup>l</sup> Willand . . . . .	52	78 George Hanson . . . . .	76



79 Thomas Roberts jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	57	80 Stephen Roberts . . . . .	46
81 Thomas Wentworth . . . . .	29	82 Job Hussey . . . . .	5
83 Nathaniel Hanson . . . . .	28	84 Ephraim Hanson . . . . .	56
85 John Hall . . . . .	7	86 Joseph Wentworth . . . . .	85
87 Mark Wallingford . . . . .	54	88 Andrew Horn . . . . .	64
89 John Roberts . . . . .	67	90 Timothy Hanson jr <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	65
91 Jotham Odiorne Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	74	92 Joseph Varney jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	8
93 Benjamin Wentworth . . . . .	99	94 John Bickford . . . . .	55
95 John Gage Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	26	96 Samuel Clements . . . . .	80
97 Nath <sup>l</sup> Meserve, Joseph Blanchard, Joseph Green & Paul March—	} 70	98 Zachariah Pitman . . . . .	87
first Ministers Lot . . . . .		9	Ministerial Lot . . . . .

Voted That this Draft of the Lots of Land in the Tract above mentioned be & hereby is ratified & confirmed & that each Lot be held to the Respective Person to whose Name it is affixed & to his Heirs & Assigns in Severalty on the Terms first Granted, & the Division as made by the Grantees & numbered in the Plan thereof by them returned be & hereby is also confirmed as aforesaid—

Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cl.

a true Copy of the Record of the Draft of the Lotts in Township granted to Varney &<sup>rs</sup>

attest Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>rs</sup> Cl

[Theodore Atkinson to John Gage, 1768.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 157.]

Portsm<sup>o</sup> May 26—1768

D<sup>r</sup> S<sup>r</sup>

In Pursuence of the Unanimos Desire of Masons Propriet<sup>rs</sup> Signified at thier Meeting held last Week I imediatly wrote you thier Determination (Viz) That they would without further Delay re- enter & regrant the Townships comonly called Midletown & North or Eastern Townships—the Proprietors The Grantors mentioned You as the most Suitable Person to Acquaint with thier Determination because you was the Principle agent in obtaining the Grant—I then mentioned the length of Time Since the Grant was made that neither Inhabitants or Cultivation agreeable to the Stipulated Conditions or any of the Conditions were Performed & of Course no roads Cut & Cleared thô those Tracts to the Township above them so that great Inconvenience as well as Damage is dayly increasing by Your



thus delaying which Still continues thô so Often mentioned to you this Induced the above resolution & which you may Depend will be carryed into Execution the meeting of the Grantors Stands Adjourned to Wednesday June the 8<sup>th</sup> when tis Proposed to transact what is above mentioned I mention this that in case any Peticular Grantee that hath compleated & fullfilld His Conditions he may not be too Hardly dealt with—

You will therefore I hope take the Proper Notice of what I wrote last week as well as the above I am S<sup>r</sup> in behalf of the Said Grantors

Your most Obedient Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Theodore Atkinson

[*Theodore Atkinson to John Gage, 1769.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 158.*]

Portsm<sup>o</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1769

Coll Gage

I am Directed by the Proprietors of Masons Right Once more to advertize the Grantees of A Township above Rochester com'only calld the Midletown—that notwithstanding thier Promisses the Settlement is Still neglected in almost every article in the Conditions of the Grant but in a more Peticular Manner the road they Promised Should be cut thrô the s<sup>d</sup> Midle Town in the Most Direct way to Wolfborough which is Extreemly wanted—Wolfborough long Since (the Midle Town granted) have cut A road thrô that Town—So hath Tuftonbur<sup>o</sup> & Moultoibur<sup>o</sup> &c<sup>a</sup> all which roads are rendred almost Usless for want of A Good road thrô Midletown—I should think the Propriet<sup>rs</sup> of Midletown would need no prompting to this Peice of Service if they would consider the great Advantage that would Attend it in a peticular Man'er to their Propriety—His Excellency the Govern<sup>r</sup> & the Other Proprietors of Wolfburr<sup>o</sup> complain greatly of this neglect of a Road, in a Peticular Manner—I am therefore at the request of Masons Propriety (at a full Meeting) to Acquaint you that unless that road is Imediatly Cutt & Cleared that Boards &c<sup>a</sup> may be (without Difficulty) Transported from Midletown to Wolfbur<sup>o</sup> they are determined to Enter upon & regrant every dilinguents Share in Midletown without distinction or reserve—this I think is the unalterable Determination of the Grantors & that I hope you will advertize the Grantees of & what I have in Comand from the Grantors in whose behalf I am S<sup>r</sup> Your

Friend & Hum<sup>ble</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Theodore Atkinson

## [Improvements in Middleton, 1769.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 159.]

Mens Names, who are Heads of famyls Settled	Nº of Lotts Settled on	Acres of Land Cleard	Acres of Trees fell	Houses
David Varney . . . . .	N 62	$\frac{1}{2}$	2	1
Nath <sup>l</sup> Varney . . . . .	63	$3\frac{1}{2}$	4	1
John Drew . . . . .	87	1	10	1
Silas Varney . . . . .	Noah Cross orig <sup>l</sup>	$\frac{1}{2}$	2	1
Aron Drew . . . . .	97	1	4	1
Heze <sup>k</sup> Varney . . . . .	Isaac Watson orig <sup>l</sup>	3	2	1
Jn <sup>o</sup> Kenniston . . . . .	7	3	3	1
W <sup>m</sup> Buzzell . . . . .	7	4	5	1
W <sup>m</sup> Clark . . . . .	5	$2\frac{1}{2}$	4	1
Job Allard . . . . .	42	2	5	1
James Bryants . . . . .	49	4	30	1
Nath <sup>l</sup> Wentworth . . . . .	orig <sup>l</sup> Tho <sup>s</sup> Wentworth	$1\frac{1}{2}$	6	1
Isaac Drew . . . . .	6	2	4	1
		28 $\frac{1}{2}$	81	13

Mens Name that have began	Nº of Lotts or Orig Owners	What Cleard	What Trees fell	Sort of Houses
Ephrim Ellis . . . . .	Andrew Horn		1	
Charles Hilton . . . . .	100		2	
Joseph Cook . . . . .			$1\frac{1}{2}$	
Moses Whitehouse . . . . .	70		5	a small frame
Joshua Guppy . . . . .	12			part Logg House
John York . . . . .	10		3	part of Logg House
Timothy Hanson . . . . .			2	
Elias Critchett . . . . .	Jn <sup>o</sup> Roberts		3	a small frame
William Elkins . . . . .	3		3	a small frame
French . . . . .	28		2	
Giddeon Johnson . . . . .	Col <sup>o</sup> Gage		4	Part of Logg House
Jn <sup>o</sup> Tash . . . . .	23, 24, 25, 26	1	20	
W <sup>m</sup> Horn . . . . .	Org <sup>l</sup>		6	
m <sup>r</sup> Thomas . . . . .	37, 38		4	
Ebenz <sup>r</sup> Perkins . . . . .	41		4	Pole House
Benj York . . . . .	50	1	4	
Nath <sup>l</sup> Wentworth . . . . .	52	3	5	House frame
Jacob Pike . . . . .	30	1	3	House
Nath <sup>l</sup> Stephens . . . . .	Rich <sup>d</sup> Huzzey		4	Part House
Isaac Drew . . . . .	4		4	
Joseph Durgon could not find the number			4	Logg House
		6	86 $\frac{1}{2}$	Saw Mill on W <sup>m</sup> Wentworths Lott

Middleton Decem<sup>r</sup> 28, 1769

The above is an Acco<sup>t</sup> of the settlements & improvements in Middleton first division (nothing done on 2<sup>d</sup>) examind

Ⓙ Jotham Rindge & Isaac Drew

[*Jotham Rindge to George Jaffrey, 1769.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 160.]

Middleton Dec<sup>r</sup> 28 1769

sir I have herewith sent you an Acco<sup>t</sup> of Settlements & Improvements done in Middleton as the Governor desire'd wou'd let him know the State of this Town as soon as it was done shou'd much obld if wou'd show it him

Y<sup>r</sup> H ser<sup>t</sup>

Jotham Rindge

To George Jaffrey Esq.

[*Petition of Proprietors of Middleton, 1769.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 161.]

Province of }  
New Hampshire } To the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of Masons Claim so called —  
The Humble Petition of the Proprietors of Middletown, So call'd in said Province, Sheweth, That the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of said Middletown have been at very uncommon and extraordinary Charges in clearing and Making a Road thro' said Middletown to Wolfsborough in said Province — That they have no possible way of Raising the Money to pay said Charges but by disposing of some of their Shares in said Middletown — But the Rumor that the Grant of said Township is forfeited, prevent Persons purchasing in said Town Wherefore your Petit<sup>ns</sup> pray that the time limited in their Grant of said Town for Settlement may be protracted and they in Duty bound Shall & Dec<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1769.

Moses Carr }  
Charles Baker } Agents for  
John Tash } Middletown  
John Gage Ju<sup>r</sup> }

[*Cost of Middleton Road.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 162.]

An Acco<sup>t</sup> of the Cost of the Cutting, Clearing & Bridging a Road thro' the Township of Middle Town from Rochester Bounds to Wolfborough —

To Benj <sup>a</sup> Hart for the Amo <sup>t</sup> of his Acco <sup>t</sup> paid the Labourers as $\text{p}$ Vouchers —	} 86—6—6
To John Drew paid Ditto as $\text{p}$ his Acco <sup>t</sup> of particu- lars & Vouchers —	
To Sundry Tools supplyd by orders of His Excel- lency Govern <sup>r</sup> Wentworth	
	209 : 3 : 10
	4,13,—
	<hr/> 300. 3. 4

[*Account of Work on Middleton Road, 1769.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 163.]

Township of Middleton to Benj<sup>a</sup> Hart & Co D<sup>r</sup> for Labour done  
on the Road —  
1769

Aug <sup>t</sup> 31 ,, To Benj <sup>a</sup> Hart, for 46 days Work & diet @	6— £ .. 13 <sup>s</sup> .. 16 .. 0
To Rich <sup>d</sup> Jenkins 39½ days D <sup>o</sup>	3—6 .. 6 .. 18 .. 3
To James Woodes, 37 days D <sup>o</sup>	3—6 .. 6 .. 9 .. 6
To Jacob Scagel, 21½ days D <sup>o</sup>	3—6 .. 3 .. 15 .. 3
To John Underwood, 34 days Ditto	3—6 .. 5 .. 19 .. 0
To William Gunnison 30 days D <sup>o</sup>	3—6 .. 5 .. 5 —
To Aaron Frost, 29 days D <sup>o</sup>	3—6 .. 5 .. 1 .. 6
To Graffam Nutter—22½ days D <sup>o</sup>	3—6 .. 3 .. 18 .. 9
To Will <sup>m</sup> Willson—28½ days D <sup>o</sup>	3—6 .. 4 .. 19 .. 6
To John Reading—8 days D <sup>o</sup>	3—6 .. 1 .. 8 —
To Will <sup>m</sup> White—18 days D <sup>o</sup>	3—6 .. 3 .. 3 —
To Noah Peirse—5 days D <sup>o</sup>	3—6 .. — .. 16 .. 6
To John Kennison, 23 days D <sup>o</sup>	3—6 .. 4 .. — .. 6
To William Buzzell, 16 days D <sup>o</sup>	3—6 .. 2 .. 16 —
To Joseph Hutchins, 11½ days D <sup>o</sup>	3—6 .. 2 .. — .. 3
To Will <sup>m</sup> Clarke, —20½ days D <sup>o</sup>	3—6 .. 3 .. 11 .. 9
To Thomas Plummer—6 days himself @ 3—6— .. 1 .. 1 .. 0	} .. 1 .. 19 —
his Cattle —6	
days @ 3— .. — .. 18 .. 0	
To Sam <sup>l</sup> Plummer 8½ days himself @	} .. 2 .. 19 .. 9
3—6— .. 1 .. 9 9	
his cattle—10 days @3 .. 1 .. 10 —	
To Nath <sup>l</sup> Wentworth—12 days—@3—6	.. 2 .. 2 —

To Isaac Drew - 17 days—	3—6	.. 2 .. 19 .. 6
To Rum for y <sup>s</sup> Comp <sup>r</sup> at sundry times		.. — .. 16 ..—
To Moses Wentworth for use of Grindstone		.. — .. 3 .. 6
		<hr/>
		£ .. 84 .. 18 .. 6
To Paid George Place for look <sup>s</sup> out Road	.. — .. 8 .. 0	
To Expence & Trouble in settling Acco <sup>s</sup>	.. 1 .. 0 .. 0	.. 1 .. 8 .. 0
		<hr/>
		£ .. 86 .. 6 .. 6
Portsm <sup>o</sup> Sep <sup>t</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> 1769		
Errors Excepted		Benj <sup>s</sup> Hart
Mem <sup>o</sup> of Tools Rec <sup>d</sup> from Wentworth House Viz <sup>t</sup>		
8 Hoes @ 6— 2 Axes @ 6—		£ .. 3 .. 0 .. 0
2 Devonshire shovells @ 12—		.. 1 .. 4 .. 0
1 Crow Barr — @ 6—		.. — .. 6 ..—
1 <sup>st</sup> Powder 3—2 Blankets Nutter & Ja <sup>s</sup> }		.. — .. 3 ..—
Woodhouse		<hr/>
		4 — 13 —

[*Votes of Proprietors of Middleton, 1769.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 164.]

Provence of } At a Proprietors meeting Liagley warned and  
 Newhampshier } Held This 25<sup>th</sup> Day of December 1769 at the  
 House of m<sup>r</sup> Ephraim Hanson in Dover by the Proprietors of Middle  
 Town So Called and the proprietors then Convaned Voted at said  
 meeting as followeth

1<sup>st</sup> made Choise of m<sup>r</sup> Charls Baker moderator of said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> the proprietors Voted to pay the Charge that the Govenor  
 was at in Clearing the Road threwh said Middle Town if the Grant-  
 ors of said Town will Lengthen out the Charter or give said propri-  
 etors a Longer Time for Settlement —

3<sup>rd</sup> Voted that m<sup>r</sup> Charls Baker John Gage Ju<sup>r</sup> m<sup>r</sup> John Tash  
 and Doctker Moses Carr be agents to wate on the Honorable Grant-  
 ors to Se if they will give the proprietors a Longer Time for Settle-  
 ment of Said Township —

4<sup>th</sup> Voted that the formor Commite m<sup>r</sup> Charls Baker John Gage

Ju<sup>r</sup> and m<sup>r</sup> John Tash be and are hereby Impowered to Sell all the Delinquant Proprietors Rights in said Town aCordeng to Law —

5<sup>th</sup> the proprietors the Voted that This meeting be adjorned To this Day fortnite at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Ephraim Hanson in Dover and the modrator adjorned Said meeting aCordengly —

provence of }  
Newhampshir } Dover January y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1770 meet aCordeng to  
adjornment and the proprietors Then Conveined Voted as folow-  
eth —

1<sup>st</sup> Voted that Collo John Gage Collo John Wentworth and James Stoodly Esq<sup>r</sup> be agents to Joyne the former agents to wate on the Honorable grantors to see if they will give the proprietors a Longer Time for Settlement of said Township And Then the moderator adjorned said meeting to Next monday at Two o Clock in the after Noon of said Day at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Ephraim Hanson in Dover—

A True Coppy — attest —

John Gage Ju<sup>r</sup> pro<sup>m</sup> Clark

[*John Drew's Account, 1769.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 165.]

His Excellency John Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> in an Acco<sup>t</sup> with John  
Drew  
Dr

1769	To Sundry Persons Labour on Middletown Road Computing to be 1038 days, for one hand, at 3—6 <sup>d</sup> p <sup>r</sup> day as p <sup>r</sup> an Acc <sup>t</sup> Thereof Given in —	£181 .. 13 .. —
	To 69 days my self Taking Care and Carrying on the work @ 6— <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> day—	20 .. 14 —
	To 1 Gall <sup>n</sup> Rum Gave the People p <sup>r</sup> y <sup>r</sup> Excellency's Ord <sup>r</sup> —	.. 6 —
	To 1 <sup>st</sup> powder, Us'd in blowing Rocks —	.. 4 —
	To paid a Blacksmith for new steeling a pickax	.. 4 —
	To a New Hoe	0 .. 6 .. 0
	To 1 Grindstone wore out & Spoild in the Service	1 .. 0 .. 0
	To my Extra Time at Portsm <sup>o</sup> in Ord <sup>r</sup> to Draw Ord <sup>rs</sup> and Settle the Acco <sup>ts</sup> with the Labourers	1 .. 4 .. 0
	To paid M <sup>r</sup> Shannon for drawing out all the Acco <sup>s</sup> Writing Ord <sup>rs</sup> and Attendance on the business	1 .. 0 .. 0
	To paid Cap <sup>t</sup> Jacob Tilton for his bill of Expences	2 .. 12 .. 10
	Lawful M <sup>r</sup>	£209 .. 3 .. 10

Cr		
1769	By Sundry Suppl <sup>s</sup> Rec <sup>d</sup> of Cap <sup>t</sup> Martyn p <sup>r</sup> bill —	5 .. 15 .. 6
	By $\frac{1}{2}$ Quintal fish Rec <sup>d</sup> of M <sup>r</sup> Hurd —	.. 14 .. 0
		£6 .. 9 .. 6

By Sundry Ord<sup>rs</sup> Drawn on m<sup>r</sup> Hurd in fav<sup>r</sup> }  
of the Labourers on Middletown Road — }

Portsmouth Nov<sup>r</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1769

Errors Excepted  $\text{¶}$

John Drew

Prov<sup>o</sup> of } Portsm<sup>o</sup> Novemb<sup>r</sup> 16 1769. Then m<sup>r</sup> John Drew  
New Hamp<sup>r</sup> } appeared and made Solemn Oath to the Truth of the  
above Acc<sup>t</sup> that it was Just & True  
Before H Wentworth Just<sup>o</sup> Peace

[*John Drew's Account, 1769.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 166.]

An Acct<sup>t</sup> of Labour done on Middletown Road by Sundry people Employ'd by John Drew. Viz<sup>t</sup>—

Mens Names	N <sup>o</sup> of days Each man	at what p <sup>r</sup> day	Sums Total of Each mans Wage
Jacob Skedgwell . . . . .	84	@3-6	1.. 9..9
John Berry . . . . .	30	@3-6	5.. 5..0
William Gunnison . . . . .	3	3-6	..10..6
Graften Nutter . . . . .	58	3-6	10.. 3..0
Richard Jenkins . . . . .	53	3-6	9.. 5..6
John Underwood . . . . .	55	3-6	9..12..6
James Woodhouse . . . . .	184	3-6	3.. 4..9
Aaron Frost . . . . .	9	3-6	1..11..6
John Redding . . . . .	53	3-6	9.. 5..6
William Wilson . . . . .	27	3-6	4..14..6
Silas Varney . . . . .	11	3-6	1..18..6
Isaac Drew . . . . .	54	3-6	..19..3
Moses Wentworth . . . . .	5	3-6	..17..6
John Kennison . . . . .	3	3-6	..10..6
Nath <sup>l</sup> Wentworth . . . . .	3	3-6	..10..6
John York . . . . .	1	3-6	.. 3..6
Gideon Johnson . . . . .	1	3-6	.. 3..6
Benjamin Mooney . . . . .	3	3-6	..10..6
William Clark . . . . .	4	3-6	..14..0
Samuel Hall . . . . .	63	3-6	11.. 0..6
Zach <sup>r</sup> Bunker . . . . .	35	3-6	6.. 2..6
Joseph Jacobs . . . . .	35	3-6	6.. 2..6
John Brown . . . . .	35	3-6	6.. 2..6
Hate Evil Leighton . . . . .	43	3-6	7..10..6
Samuel Horn . . . . .	124	3-6	2.. 3..9
Ebenezer Perkins . . . . .	30	3-6	5.. 5..—
Solomon Perkins . . . . .	274	3-6	4..16..3
Samuel Nute . . . . .	194	3-6	3.. 8..3
Samuel Merry . . . . .	19	3-6	3.. 6..6
Aaron Wingate . . . . .	27	3-6	4..14..6
David Rand . . . . .	114	3-6	2.. 0..3
Richard Downs . . . . .	144	3-6	2..10..9
Thomas Cushing . . . . .	114	3-6	2.. 0..3
Jonathan Cushing . . . . .	184	3-6	3.. 4..9
Henry Wentworth . . . . .	164	3-6	2..17..9
Lemuel Ricker . . . . .	17	3-6	2..19..6
Anthony Hanson . . . . .	17	3-6	2..19..6



Mens Names	N <sup>o</sup> of days Each man	at what p <sup>r</sup> day	Sums Total of Each mans Wage
Isaac Roberts . . . . .	28	3-6	4..18..0
Ebenezer Wentworth . . . . .	23½	3-6	4.. 2..3
Samuel Henderson . . . . .	16	3-6	2..16..—
Samuel Astin . . . . .	11	3-6	1..18..6
Joseph Thompson . . . . .	6	3-6	1.. 1..—
Joseph Dam . . . . .	6	3-6	1.. 1..—
Moses Jenness . . . . .	6	3-6	1.. 1..—
Aaron Jenness . . . . .	6	3-6	1.. 1..—
Samuel Furber . . . . .	6	3-6	1.. 1..—
Theodore Furber . . . . .	6	3-6	1.. 1..—
Benjamin Furber . . . . .	6	3-6	1.. 1..—
Elijah Varney . . . . .	6	3-6	1.. 1..—
Edward Varney . . . . .	6	3-6	1.. 1..—
John Heard . . . . .	6	3-6	1.. 1..—
Tristram Heard . . . . .	6	3-6	1.. 1..—
John Walker . . . . .	6	3-6	1.. 1..—
Nath <sup>l</sup> Perkins . . . . .	6	3-6	1.. 1..—
John Nute . . . . .	6	3-6	1.. 1..—
Solomon Clark . . . . .	11½	3-6	2.. 0..3
Joshua Wentworth . . . . .	10½	3-6	1..16..9
Thomas George . . . . .	18	3-6	3.. 3..—
William Wingate . . . . .	9	3-6	1..11..6
Samuel Wingate . . . . .	11	3-6	1..18..6
Peter Burroughs . . . . .	11	3-6	1..18..6
	1038 days		£181..13..0

Prov<sup>o</sup> of } Portsm<sup>o</sup> Novemb<sup>r</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1769  
 New Hamp<sup>r</sup> } Then m<sup>r</sup> John Drew appeared and made Solemn Oath  
 to the Truth of this acc<sup>t</sup> above & on the other Side that it was Just  
 and True to the Best of his Knowledge—  
 Before H Wentworth Just<sup>r</sup> Peace

[*Votes of Proprietors of Middleton, 1770.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 168.*]

Province of } At A Proprietors meeting Leaguly Warned and  
 Newhampshire } held by the proprietors of a Tract or New Town  
 ship of Land in said province Commonly Known By the Name of

middle Town at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Ephraim Hanson Inholder in Dover on monday the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of This Instant february 1770 and the proprietors then Convened Voted at Said meeting as followeth Viz:—

1<sup>ly</sup> the proprietors made Choise of Doct<sup>r</sup> Moses Carr for their moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> the proprietors Voted persuant to a Resolve of the Grantors of the Right of John Tuftin Mason Esq<sup>r</sup>—Derected to the agents of Said propriete and the proprietors Voted & Resolved that John Gage Jun<sup>r</sup> Cleark of said propriete be & hereby is Directed forth with to Transe mit to the Grantors aforesaid a List of the proprietors Names & how much Each proprietor has paid Towards Settling said Town & an aCount of what money has been Rased & Voted for that purpuss, and further Voted that the said Grantes are willing the Said Grantors should Resume the Rights of fifteen of the proprietors which have done Least Towards the Settlement of said Town provided they pay their propotion of all past & future Charges and Lengthen out the Charter of Said Town Two years from This Date— and the proprietors further Voted that John Gage Ju<sup>r</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Charls Baker & James Stoodly Esq<sup>r</sup> be agents to wate on the Grantors with a Coppey of this Vote at there Nex meeting at porsmouth and Then the modrator of said meeting adjorned said meeting To monday y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Day of this Instant February at the house of m<sup>r</sup> Ephraim Hanson Inholder in Dover at Two o Clock in the after Noon of Said Day—

A True Coppey Exammened p<sup>r</sup> me

John Gage Ju<sup>r</sup> pro<sup>o</sup> Clark

[*Letter of Gov. Wentworth, 1770.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 169.*]

Portsm<sup>o</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Febr<sup>y</sup> 1770

Gentlemen

The justice & necessity of having a good Road thro' Middleton, and the total neglect of the Grantees thereof, for many years to make it; being by almost every member of your Society well known & often Complain'd of—And having myself suffer'd above Five hundred dollars, & more than once had my life endanger'd for want of s<sup>d</sup> roads; I was (upon encouragment from many of your Members that the Lands shou'd directly pay for it) induc'd to undertake & order that the s<sup>d</sup> Road shou'd be effectually made—Many of the Labourers employ'd thereon are yet unpaid, and extremely distressed thereby—The Lands are improv'd in Value at lest Six times

—The Country above is enabled to settle; And ev'ry possible advantage results, beyond expectation both to that Town and also to all your adjacent property—Nevertheless these people of Middleton neglect to repay the Sum; thus necessarily & beneficially expended—You Gen<sup>t</sup> are too well inform'd of the circumstances for me to add more—Only That I may request you will consider the releif due to the poor labourer in this case; & give order that so much may be sold as will discharge this acco't—or that the Proprietors thereof repay it if they please—Or any other method that can complete it, which you prefer—I have no other interest in it, than of a settler who has already suffer'd too much for want of the Road, to be able to pay for this myself, merely to indulge & enrich a set of Men, whose neglect has been injurious to all that part of the Province, and leaves them scarce worthy of any favor from you; whose Grant they have already so manifestly abused and forfeited—I am very respectfully

Gen<sup>t</sup> Your most hble ser<sup>t</sup>

J' Wentworth

To The Proprietors of Mason's Patent in New-Hampshire.

## [Improvements in Middleton, 1770.]

## [Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 170.]

A list of the Names of the proprietors of middle Town So Called and the Number of Each proprietors Right or Shear in said Town and what Each proprietor has paid and Done Towards the Settlement of said Town and what money has been Voted to be Rased and on Each proprietors Right in Said Township—

	The Number of Each Right	What Each proprietor has paid	What Each proprietor has Done Towards settlemet	What money has been Voted and assessed on Each Right
		£ s d		£ s d
Job Clemments . . . . .	86	2- 8-0		10-0-0
Isaac Watson . . . . .	93		a House Bult & family	10:0:0
Nathanel Young . . . . .	47	5: 17:0	5 Acers fell	10:0:0
Noah Cross . . . . .	95		house & family	10:0:0
James Clemments . . . . .	22			10:0:0
Ephraim Wentworth . . . . .	18	4: 1:0		10:0:0
Bidfield plumer . . . . .	75	3- 9-0		10:0:0
Ebenezar Horn . . . . .	21	4-10-0		10:0:0
Benj <sup>m</sup> Robarts . . . . .	38	10: 0:0	a house on it	10:0:0
Richard Gooding . . . . .	83			10:0:0
Benj <sup>m</sup> Mason . . . . .	94	1: 1:0		10:0:0
John Heard . . . . .	90	3- 9-0		10:0:0
William Wentworth . . . . .	66			10:0:0
Timothy Robarts . . . . .	35	5: 17:0		10:0:0
James Guppey Ju <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	12		a house & famely	10:0:0
Benj <sup>m</sup> Waymouth . . . . .	19	5: 2-0		10:0:0
John Gage Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	26	5: 0:0	A House bult	10:0:0
Jonathan Gage . . . . .	37	5: 0-0	3 acers fell	10:0:0
Danel Hanson . . . . .	50	5: 2-0	a house bult	10:0:0
Samuel Heard . . . . .	30	5: 0-0	a house bult	10:0:0
Love Robarts Ju <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	62	1: 1:0	a house & family	10:0:0
Thomas Varney . . . . .	89			10:0:0
John Ham Ju <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	97		a house & family	10:0:0
Elezar Young . . . . .	27	5: 3:0		10:0:0
Edward Ellis . . . . .	88	4: 4:0		10:0:0
Benj <sup>m</sup> Heard . . . . .	3	3- 9-0	a house fram & 3 acers fell	10:0:0
Joseph Hanson . . . . .	72	5: 3-0		10:0:0
John Kielle . . . . .	20			10:0:0
Nathanel Austin . . . . .	10	2: 2:0	a house bult	10:0:0

	The Number of Each Right	What Each proprie- tor has paid	What Each proprietor has Done Towards Settlemet	What money has ben Voted and assessed on Each Right
		£ s d		£ s d
Tristrum Coffin . . . . .	15			10:0:0
John Drew . . . . .	68		a house & family	10:0:0
John Tasker . . . . .	59	0: 15: 0		10:0:0
Richard philpot . . . . .	14	3: 12: 0	3 acers fell	10:0:0
William Horn . . . . .	24	3: 7: 0	4 Acers fell	10:0:0
William Ham . . . . .	58	5: 3: 0		10:0:0
John Varney . . . . .	4	1: 16: 0	3 acers fell	10:0:0
Isaac Hanson Ju <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	44			
Ebenezar Varney . . . . .	100			10:0:0
Benj <sup>m</sup> Stanton . . . . .	41	2: 1: 0	5 acers fell	10:0:0
Jonathan Merrow . . . . .	45		4 acer fell & house & family	10:0:0
Samul Young . . . . .	25	5: 3: 0	10 acers fell	10:0:0
James philpot . . . . .	42	3: 6: 0	house & family	10:0:0
Zachariah Pitman . . . . .	84	5: 3: 0		10:0:0
Jobe Clemments Juner . . . . .	82	9: 17: 0		10:0:0
Samul Clemments . . . . .	80	2: 16: 0		10:0:0
Moses Carr . . . . .	17	4. 6. 0		10:0:0
William Whitehouse . . . . .	71	15: 15: 0	a house	10:0:0
John Bickford . . . . .	55	2: 0: 0		10:0:0
John Cook Ju <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	53	6: 15: 0	5 acers fell	10:0:0
Nathanel Varney . . . . .	77			10:0:0
Noah Emery . . . . .	6		a house & family	10:0:0
Mark Gills . . . . .	23	5: 3: 0	10 acers fell	10:0:0
Samul Varney . . . . .	49	5: 8: 0	a house & family	10:0:0
Benj <sup>m</sup> Evens . . . . .	78	4: 10: 0		10:0:0
Andrew Marshall . . . . .	39			10:0:0
Ebenezar Garland . . . . .	2			10:0:0
Richard Hussey . . . . .	32	4. 10. 0	a house	10:0:0
Thomas Bickford . . . . .	73	5: 8: 0	2 acers fell	10:0:0
Elezar wiare . . . . .	36	2: 17: 0		10:0:0
Petter Cook . . . . .	91	6: 8: 0	3 acers fell	10:0:0
Joseph Connor . . . . .	63	1: 10: 0	a house & family	10:0:0
Joshua Stakpole . . . . .	60	3: 9: 0		10:0:0
John Peire Ju <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	13			10:0:0
Silvanus Hussey . . . . .	84	9: 17: 0		10:0:0
Nathanel Willand . . . . .	52		4 acers & frame	10:0:0
George Hanson . . . . .	76	4: 7: 0		10:0:0
Thomas Robarts Ju <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	57			10:0:0
Stephen Robarts . . . . .	46	3: 12: 0		10:0:0

	The Number of Each Right	What Each proprietor has paid	What Each proprietor has Done Towards Settlement	What money has been Voted and assessed on Each Right
		£ s d		£ s d
Thomas Wintworth . . . . .	29		a house famly	10:0:0
Job Hussey . . . . .	5	1: 2:0	a house & famly	10:0:0
Nathanel Hanson . . . . .	28	3. 9.0	3 acers fell	10:0:0
Ephraem Hanson . . . . .	56	5: 3:0	5 acers fell	10:0:0
John Hall . . . . .	7	9.0	2 houses & famelys	10:0:0
Joseph wintworth . . . . .	85			10:0:0
Mark Walingsford . . . . .	54	4: 1:0	a house & famly	10:0:0
Andrew Horne . . . . .	64	9: 11:0	2 acers fell	10:0:0
John Robarts . . . . .	67			10:0:0
Timothy Hanson Jur . . . . .	65	6: 4:0		10:0:0
Joseph Varney Jur . . . . .	8	5: 3:0		10:0:0
Benj <sup>m</sup> Wintworth . . . . .	99			10:0:0

This is a Trew List of the Numbers of Each proprietors Right of Middle Town So Called and what Each proprietor has paid in Labour and what Each proprietor has Done Towards Settling his Right in said Town according to the accounts brought in to us by the proprietors

p<sup>r</sup> us— Charles Baker } Assessors of  
John Gage Ju<sup>r</sup> } Middle Town  
propriete

Dover february y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1770—  
A Trew Coppey Attest

John Gage Ju<sup>r</sup> pro<sup>o</sup> Clark

[Shares Taken by Masonian Proprietors, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 171.]

Portsm<sup>o</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1770

It is concluded and determined by the Proprietors that they will accept fifteen of y<sup>e</sup> Sixteen Rights or Shares on which nothing has been paid or any Settlement made on Said Rights as y<sup>e</sup> same has been exhibited y<sup>e</sup> Clerk except y<sup>e</sup> Right of Eben<sup>r</sup> Garland who is represented an Object of Charity the Said fifteen Shares to be drawn

for to y<sup>e</sup> Rights of Said fifteen Proprietors and that two Years from this date is to be allowed to the Original Grantees to fulfill all the Terms of Settlement and Conditions of their first Grant, and if not then completed to revert to y<sup>e</sup> Grantors

James Clemments	N <sup>o</sup> 22	Rich <sup>d</sup> Goodwin	83
W <sup>m</sup> Wentworth	66	Tho <sup>s</sup> Varney	89
John Kielle	20	Tristrium Coffin	15
Isaac Hanson j <sup>r</sup>	44	Eben <sup>r</sup> Varney	100
Nath <sup>l</sup> Varney	77	Andrew Marshall	89
Eben <sup>r</sup> Garland	2	agreed not to be drawn for he being an object of Charity	
John Pearl j <sup>r</sup>	13	Thomas Roberts j <sup>r</sup>	57
Joseph Wentworth	85	John Roberts	67
Benj <sup>a</sup> Wentworth	99		

[*Regrant of Middleton, 1770.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, March 21, 1770.]

Province of } Portsmouth March 21<sup>st</sup> 1770 Wednesday five of  
New-Hampsh<sup>r</sup> } the Clock afternoon The Proprietors meet accord-  
ing to adjournment

Whereas the said Proprietors on the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1749 Granted to Ebenezar Varney William Wentworth and others a Tract of Land Equivalent to Six Miles Square in said Province Commonly called Middle Town in Order for making a Settlement & Township on such Terms & Conditions As are Express'd & Declared at Large in the Vote for making said Grant — And whereas the said Grantees have not Complied with the Terms and Conditions of said Grant whereby the Grant is become void which the Agents of the said Grantees have acknowledged and Surrendering the said Land have requested a New Grant to be made of the same to such of the Former Grantees as had done any thing Considerable towards Settling their Respective rights & Shares under the former Grant and on such further Limitations as the said Proprietors should Judge Proper — all which having been duly Considered and the Proprietors being willing to show all reasonable favour and Indulgence to such Persons as take care as far as they are able to Improve the Land Granted them — Therefore Voted, that there be & hereby is granted to the grantees named in the former grant (except the fifteen of them whose names, are herein after expressed) all the Right Title Claim Intrest and Demand of the said Proprietors in and to the said Tract of Land called Middle Town heretofore

granted as Above Recited on the Terms conditions & Limitations herein after expressed & Declared, Viz<sup>t</sup> that there be and hereby is reserved to the said Proprietors and excepted out of this grant the several rights and Shares that were granted & Sever'd in and by the former Grant to James Clement Richard Goodwin William Wentworth Thomas Varney John Kielle Tristram Coffin Isaac Hanson Jun<sup>r</sup> Ebenezar Varney Nathaniel Varney Andrew Marshall John Pearl Jun<sup>r</sup> Thomas Roberts Jun<sup>r</sup> Joseph Wentworth John Roberts and Benjamin Wentworth besides the reservations in the former grant. That Every Grantee shall do & perform the same matters & things he was Obliged to do by the said former grant in Order to Compleat the Settlement but that he shall have the term of Two Years from the Date hereof to Perform the same and in case of failure wholly to Compleat his Respective part & share as containd in said former grant, the said Grant in this vote made is to be forfeited & shall accordingly be forfeited to the said Grantors and they to Enter if they see cause into the forfeited part & Share & be thereof Seized as in their former Estate before any grant thereof was made. Provided Nevertheless it is granted & Conceded by these Presents That the said fifteen reserved rights aforesaid shall be Subjected to and the Owner or Owners thereof shall do & Perform the same duty for and towards the Settlement aforesaid as any right part or Share respectively within the said Township, and that the same fifteen shares and rights reserved be and hereby are severed to the said Proprietors the Grantors, and be now Drawn for, to their Several & Respective Rights, and as Drawn to each Proprietors right and entred to his or their right shall be held to him or them and to their heirs & Assigns for ever.— and whereas there has been lately a Road of four Rods wide survey'd and cleared and made Passable through the said Township commonly called the Governours Road which may not correspond with Roads or highways reserved or Directed in the former Grant of said Township between the Lotts or Ranges yet notwithstanding the said Road is hereby reserved and granted as a publick road and highway for the Use of all Travellers, and no compensation to be made by the Owner or Owners of any Lott or Lotts through which the said Road Passeth.

The Draft of the Proprietors reserved Lotts in the Tract of Land granted to Ebenezar Varney & Others called Middle Town which are reserved and Severed by Preceding Vote of March 21<sup>st</sup> 1770 — Viz<sup>t</sup>—

1 <sup>st</sup> Drawn to Mark Hunk <sup>r</sup> Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup>	. . . . .	N <sup>o</sup> 20
2 <sup>d</sup> . . . . John Moffatt Esq <sup>r</sup>	. . . . .	22
3 <sup>d</sup> . . . . Joshua Peirce Esq <sup>r</sup> Right	. . . . .	18



4 <sup>th</sup>	M <sup>r</sup> John Rindge . . . . .	44
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Moore & Daniel Peirce Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	83
6 <sup>th</sup>	Blanchard & Meserve & C <sup>o</sup> . . . . .	85
7 <sup>th</sup>	Thomas Wallingford Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	77
8 <sup>th</sup>	Jotham Odiorne Esq <sup>r</sup> Right . . . . .	89
9 <sup>th</sup>	George Jaffrey Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	100
10 <sup>th</sup>	Theodore Atkinson Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	67
11 <sup>th</sup>	Thomas Packer Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	39
12 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Wibird Esq <sup>r</sup> Right . . . . .	66
13 <sup>th</sup>	John Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup> Right . . . . .	99
14 <sup>th</sup>	Samuel Solly & Clem <sup>t</sup> March . . . . .	15
15 <sup>th</sup>	Mason & Thomlinson . . . . .	57

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[Memorandum of Conditions of Settlement.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 172.]

Memorandum of the Conditions that part of the inHabitants of Dover & summersworth Protitioners are Willing To oblige them selves To Comply With Humbly sneath Viz—

1<sup>y</sup> To build 30 houses and seatle 30 Inhabitants in six years after it is a Declard Peace with the Franch and Endens and holds Peace so long a Time & Ct—

2 In 2 years after To Buld Ten houses and seatle Ten Inhabitants and Buld a meating Hous on Each six mill Town ship and To Cleare Three acors of land fit To Plant Corne on Each of the above loots—

3 To have but Two Devitions in a shiare

Terms for y<sup>e</sup> Towns above & Joining upon Rochester of 6 mile square each to contain 100 shares 20 of w<sup>ch</sup> for y<sup>e</sup> grantors

Voted Conditions to be Complied with

1<sup>st</sup> 30 Fam<sup>s</sup> in 3 years after a peace &c<sup>a</sup>

2<sup>d</sup> 10 Fam<sup>s</sup> more in 4 Years after peace &c<sup>a</sup>

3<sup>d</sup> in 5 years after peace meet<sup>s</sup> house built

4 That y<sup>e</sup> Grantees enter into Contract with y<sup>e</sup> Grantors to Comply with Terms of Grant

5 if the Terms of settlement of s<sup>d</sup> 40 Fam<sup>s</sup> be not complied with y<sup>e</sup> whole of said Township to be forfeited and revert to Grantors but if Complied with then Such of y<sup>e</sup> other 40 Grantees who do not comply with y<sup>e</sup>s Terms of y<sup>e</sup> grant their shares to be forfeited to Such of y<sup>e</sup> Grantees who shall comply with y<sup>e</sup> Terms of y<sup>e</sup> Grant

## MILFORD.

[Constituted from parts of Hollis, Amherst, and the Mile Slip, and included Charlestown and Duxbury School Farms. Incorporated Jan. 11, 1794. Unsuccessful attempts at incorporation were made in 1779 and 1780. A portion of Amherst was annexed Dec. 20, 1842, and a portion of Lyndeborough, June 27, 1873.

See Massachusetts and New Hampshire charters preceding; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 397; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 603; Index to Laws, 345; sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 55; History, by G. A. Ramsdell, in press; Bill of Mortality, 1806-21, 2, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 32; sketch, by J. B. Connor, 5, Granite Monthly, 175; Milford Springs, 8, *id.*, 207; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 15; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 213; sermons, by Humphrey Moore, 1836, pp. 24; Report of Proceedings at Centennial Celebration, 1894, *The Farmer's Cabinet*, June 28, 1894; One of Many: A Sketch of Milford, by G. H. Moses, 16, *Granite Monthly*, 389.]

[*George Jaffrey to Joseph Blanchard*, 1749.]

[*Masonian Papers*, Vol. 6, p. 173.]

Portsm<sup>o</sup> July 6<sup>th</sup> 1749—

Sir

Yesterday M<sup>r</sup> Shepperd Appeared at our Meeting and requested a Confirmation of the Proprietors of that Part of Duxbury School farm they Engag'd to him for his Settlem<sup>t</sup> thereon in Opposition to Fuller—

The proprietors were unanimous in his having our Moiety or half Part of the Whole for quality and Quantity but he Seemed Desirous of having one half as he would Choose to take it—Which they apprehend might be inconsistent with their Primary Intention towards him but more Especially with their Agreement and Vote Respecting Fuller (Which if I Remember right you was present at the Transacting) which was that for a money Consideration (which Fuller has paid) he was to have one half Equally to be Divided Quality and Quantity of the said Duxbury School farm As the Different Sentiments and Views of the two persons interested might Produce a Troublesome Difference The Proprietors think it would be Most Effectually prevented by your Undertaking to make the Division between the parties, to be Done at the Parties Expen<sup>ce</sup> W<sup>ch</sup> Sheppard Consents to, wherefore Assoon as your Conveniency will Allow the Proprietors desire you would make the Division before Describ<sup>d</sup>

and Send a plan of it to have the Affair finished by them and if Sheppard's Improvements can Consistently ly reserved, to him, at his request it may be Done

in behalf and Direction of the Proprietors I am your Most Hble Serv<sup>t</sup>—

Geo Jaffrey

To Joseph Blanchard Esq<sup>r</sup> at Dunstable

[*Deed to John Stevens, 1751.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 174.]

Know all Men by these Presents, that whereas the Proprietors purchasers of Lands of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in the Province of New Hampshire at their Meeting held the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 1749 by their vote Authorized me the Subscriber Joseph Blanchard of Dunstable in the Province of New Hampshire Esq<sup>r</sup> to grant all their Right & Interest in Certain lands west of Dunstable as in & by said Vote will more fully appear now therefore by virtue of the Authority afores<sup>d</sup> I the said Joseph Blanchard in behalf of the aforesaid Proprietors for Good Consideration rec'd of John Stevens of Townshend in the County of Mid<sup>x</sup> in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay Esq<sup>r</sup> have & by these Presents Do Convey Quit Claim & forever Release unto the said John Stevens his Heirs & assigns all the Right Title Estate property & Interest of the said Proprietors of in & unto a Tract of Land in the Province of New Hamp<sup>t</sup> aforesaid Contain<sup>g</sup> 657 acres be the same so much more or less Chiefly lying in that Tract called the Mile Slip, near the Southerly end thereof bounded as follows at the N. westerly Corner of land formerly W<sup>m</sup> Lawrences from thence N. 59 D W 60 Rods—S 31 D W—160 rods, N 57 D W 74 Rods, S 33 W. 120 N 58 W 194—S 47. W 212—S 43 E 78—from thence by the Province line S 80 E 180—N 62 E 113 S 58 E 104—N 2 E 74—S 47 E 86—N 88 E 60: N 100 N 59 W 76 N 31 E 160 to the first bound mentioned To have & to hold to the s<sup>d</sup> John Stevens his heirs & assigns forever so that the Proprietors afores<sup>d</sup> shall have no future claim in the Premises Witness my hand & Seal this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 1751.

Joseph Blanchard [Seal]

Signed Sealed & delivered in  
presence of

William Lawrence

Joseph Blanchard Ju<sup>r</sup>

a Copy

no acknowledgement, but three persons appeared & made Oath, that they, by being acquainted with, & Compar<sup>s</sup> the Hand Writing of Joseph Blanchard Esq<sup>r</sup> believ'd it to be the hand writing of Joseph Blanchard Esq<sup>r</sup> late of Dunstable Deceased &c &c

Rec'd & Recorded July 11<sup>th</sup> 1772 in the County of Hillsb<sup>o</sup>

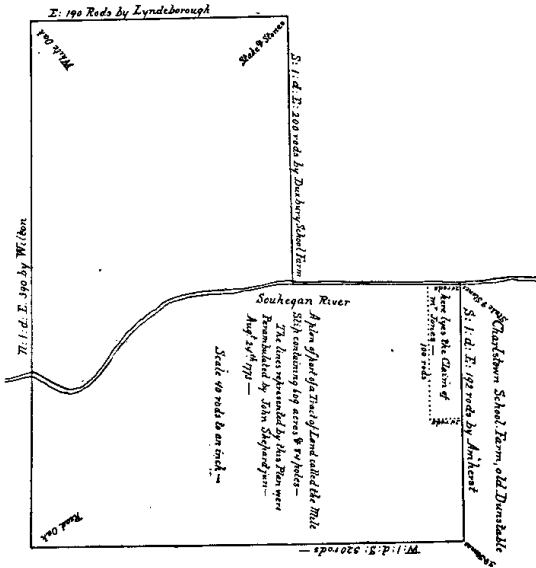
[*Agreement with David Chandler, 1773.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 175.]

Portsm<sup>o</sup> June 25<sup>th</sup> 1773 Then Agreed with David Chandler of Andover in y<sup>e</sup> Prov: of the Mass<sup>a</sup> Bay Husbandman That the Prop<sup>r</sup>s of y<sup>e</sup> land purchased of Jn<sup>o</sup> Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in New Hampshire will grant to him a tract of Land in the Mile Slip so called lying at y<sup>e</sup> head of Dunst<sup>a</sup> ungranted in the northerly part of y<sup>e</sup> Said mile Slip, as it lays in body, y<sup>e</sup> whole tract at one Dollar  $\frac{3}{4}$  Acre be y<sup>e</sup> Same more or less, to be Surveyed by an able Surveyor—and that y<sup>e</sup> Same be done as Soon as may be, and y<sup>e</sup> Said Chandler to be at y<sup>e</sup> Expence of y<sup>e</sup> said survey and y<sup>e</sup> said Chandler to pay one half of y<sup>e</sup> Sum y<sup>e</sup> said land shall amount and the other half thereof at y<sup>e</sup> Expiration of Six months with Interest for y<sup>e</sup> same till paid giving Security for y<sup>e</sup> same—

David Chandler  
Geo: Jaffrey in behalf &  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  order of y<sup>e</sup> Prop<sup>r</sup>s

## [Plan of Mile Slip, 1773.]



## MOULTONBOROUGH.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, Nov. 17, 1763, to Col. Jonathan Moulton and others, and named in honor of Col. Moulton. Moultonborough Gore was annexed Jan. 24, 1765. Incorporated Nov. 27, 1777. Long Island was annexed Dec. 30, 1799.

See XII, Hammond Town Papers, 616; Index to Laws, 360; sketch, by W. H. H. Mason, Fergusson's History of Carroll County, 1889, p. 392; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 584; Biographical Notices of Physicians, by T. Shannon, 1, N. H. Repository, 72.]

[*Petition for Grant, 1748.*][*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 176.*]

Province of } To the Gentlemen that Claim some part of the  
New Hamps<sup>r</sup> } ungranted Lands in said Prov<sup>e</sup> by virtue of their  
purchase of John Tufton Mason—

Whereas the late Assembly of said Province did pass Some Votes  
in order to agree with & buy said Claim of said purchasers for the  
Inhabitants—We the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Hamp-  
ton Desire we may have some of those Lands confirmed unto us on  
reasonable Terms—Hampton November 15<sup>th</sup> 1748—

Jon <sup>a</sup> Moulton Esq <sup>r</sup>	Joseph Dow	Joseph Philbrick
Jeremiah Marston	William Vittum	Thomas Nudd
Ephraim Marston	Joseph Palate	Edw <sup>d</sup> Shaw Jun <sup>r</sup>
Benj <sup>a</sup> Page	Caleb Towle	Joseph Johnson
John Moulton 4 <sup>th</sup>	Christopher Toppan	Benj <sup>a</sup> Mason
Samuel Garland	Jon <sup>a</sup> Leavitt	Sam <sup>l</sup> Brown Jun <sup>r</sup>
Samuel Dow	Nathan Moulton Jun <sup>r</sup>	Benj <sup>a</sup> Tuck
Benj <sup>a</sup> Bachelder	John Tuck	Joshua James
John Lampery	Thomas Rand	Joshua Towle
Jeremiah Towle	Reuben Page	Joseph Palmer
Philip Towle	Thomas Brown	Jeremiah Dow
Philip Hooker	John Moulton Jun <sup>r</sup>	Ezekiel Moulton J <sup>r</sup>
Stephen Page	John Moulton 3 <sup>d</sup>	Amos Knowles
Simon Marston	Amos Coffin	Jacob Brown
Ephraim Marston Jun <sup>r</sup>	Samuel Drake	Shubel Dearborn
Simon Dow Jun <sup>r</sup>	John Moulton	Jon <sup>a</sup> Shaw Jun <sup>r</sup>
Jon <sup>a</sup> Marston Jun <sup>r</sup>	Anthony Emery Esq <sup>r</sup>	Joseph Sanborn
Josiah Dearborn	Joshua Lane Jun <sup>r</sup>	Nath <sup>l</sup> Towle
Ebenezer Lane	Nath <sup>l</sup> Drake	Benj <sup>a</sup> Randell
Elisha Towle	John Taylor	Sam <sup>l</sup> Brown 3 <sup>d</sup>

[*Charter of Moultonborough, 1763.*][*Masonian Proprietors' Records, Nov. 17, 1763.*]

Province of } Portsmouth November 17<sup>th</sup> 1763 Thursday five of  
New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> } the Clock afternoon at the House of James Stoodly  
Innholder—the Proprietors meet according to Adjournment

Voted. That there be and hereby is Granted on the Terms Limita-  
tions and Conditions hereafter in this Vote Declared for the due  
Encouragement & promoting of the Settlement of the Country, To

Jonathan Moulton Esq<sup>r</sup> Ephraim Marston, Jeremiah Marston Benjamin Page, Benjamin Bachellor, John Lamprey, Jeremiah Towle, Philip Towle, Stephen Page, Simon Dow jun<sup>r</sup> Christopher Toppan Esq<sup>r</sup>, Jonathan Leavitt, Nathan Moulton jun<sup>r</sup> John Tuck Thomas Rand, Thomas Brown, John Moulton John Moulton the third, Amos Coffin, Anthony Emery Esq<sup>r</sup>, Joshua Lane jun<sup>r</sup> James Philbrick, Edward Shaw jun<sup>r</sup> Joseph Johnson, Joshua James Joshua Towle, Joseph Palmer, Jonathan Shaw jun<sup>r</sup> William Simpson, Joseph Sandborn, Nathaniel Towle, Josiah Dearborn, Ebenezer Lane, Samuel Brown, Jonathan Elkins, William Lane, John Taylor, Samuel Towle, Bradbury Richardson, Nathaniel Ambrose, Josiah Moulton 3<sup>rd</sup> Jonathan Moulton 3<sup>rd</sup> Benjamin Sandborn, Benning Moulton, all of Hampton in said Province, George Place of Rochester in said Province, William Vittum jun<sup>r</sup> Samuel Robinson both of said Hampton, Philip Hooker of Portsmouth in said Province, Elisha Towle, Worthington Moulton, John Garland, Joseph Garland, William Vittum, Richard Nason Esq<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Mason, Shubal Dearborn, Thomas White, John Neal, Richard Cutts Shannon, Ebenezer Blake, Simon Nudd, Jonathan Garland, all of said Hampton—And to their Heirs & Assigns in Equal Shares all the Right, title, Interest, Estate, property, and Demand of the said Proprietors (Excepting and Reserving as is hereinafter Expressed) of, in & unto all that Tract of Land in said Province of the Contents of Six Miles Square, or Equal thereto, Bounded as follows viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at the North Easterly Corner of a Tract of Land, granted by the said Proprietors to Samuel Palmer Esq<sup>r</sup> & others on the Northerly Shore of Winnepisseoky Pond, thence Running North Westerly by said Tract of land of said Palmer's & others to the Curve or head line of Masons Patent so called, thence North Easterly as the said Curve line run's, so far as that a Strait line, drawn from that Period to the North West or upper Corner of a tract of Land Granted by said Proprietors to Col<sup>o</sup> John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> will Contain within that & the other lines a tract of Land equal to Six Miles Square, and from the said North Corner of said Masons Tract, to run by the said Tract of Land to said Pond, then by the shores of the Pond, Including a Neck & Point of Land, running into the Pond until it Comes to the Place where the said Bounds begins, To have and to hold the said Granted Premises to the said Persons above Named as Grantees, their Heirs & Assigns, in Equal Shares Excepting, and Reserving as is hereafter Declared on the following Terms, Limitations & Conditions viz. That the whole Tract of Land, within the said Boundaries, excepting what shall be necessary for high ways, & other Public and Common uses, be divided, and Laid out into Eighty two shares, & each Share into two Seperate Lots,

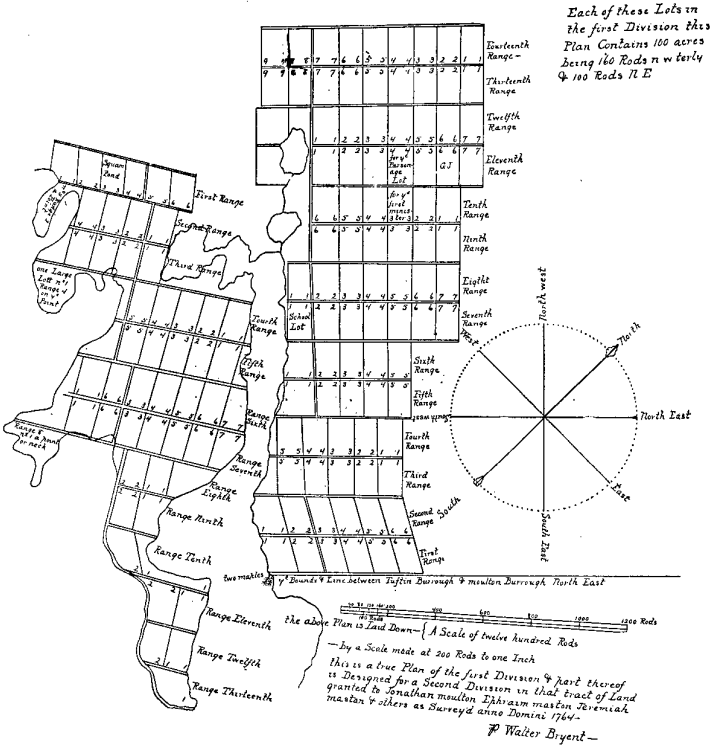
within Seven Months from the Date hereof & that twenty of said Shares be & hereby is Reserved for the use of the Grantors the said Proprietors, their Heirs & Assigns—

That the said Grantees at their Own Expence & Charge, Settle on said Tract of Land, twenty Families with Suitable Houses for their Dwelling within one Year from the Date hereof & that the Persons so Settled be proceeding in Clearing and Cultivating said Land or that part thereof on which they shall be Settled, and fifteen Families more within two Years from said Date, and fifteen Families more within three Years from said Date, with houses as aforesaid, and making Improvement in Clearing & Cultivating said Land, & Ten families more all as aforesaid, within four Years from that time— That a Meeting house for the Public Worship, be built on some Suitable Spot within said Tract of Land within three Years from said Date, and preaching of the Gospel duly Supported and Maintain'd Constantly within Six Years from said time That land be duly left between the Ranges of the Lots of Land so to be laid out of the Breadth of four rods for high ways, and between the Lots of Land for ways of the Breadth of two Rods, and at the End of the high Ways at the Pond Suitable Lots or Parcels of Land shall be left for Landing places, at least half an Acre at the End of each high way and as many such high ways Shall be laid out, to the Pond as said Tract of Land will admit, That the reserved Shares be Exempted & freed of any charge and Duty of Settlement untill Actually Improved in whole or in part— That this Tract of Land be accepted in Lieu and in stead of that tract of land voted by said Proprietors to be Granted to Ephraim Marston alias Major Jonathan Moulton, and Associates, and is Meant & Intended by the Grantors so to be and the Grantees in this Grant shall have and hold the same on that Condition, and such proposed Grant is hereby Declared by the mutual agreement of all Parties to be Satisfied by this Grant which is made instead thereof— That as there may be a Conveniency to the Owners of each Share to have a part and Proportion in the Neck & point of Land aforesaid with other Good land Adjacent there shall be just Proportion thereof appropriated & laid out to every Share of said Tract of Land so as to make the Shares Equal having Regard to Quantity and Quality of the Land—

That all White Pine trees, growing on said Tract of Land fit for his Majesty's use be & hereby is Reserved for that Intent & purpose— That the said Tract of Land shall be laid out as aforesaid in two lots to each Share and a Plan thereof made & returned within Nine Months each lot to be well mark'd on the land, and the Lots that belong to each Share be mark'd with the same Number, the same to



be made as just & Equal as may be, and that the same be drawn for here in Portsmouth by the Grantors or under their Discretion—That the right of such Grantees in said Tract of Land as shall Neglect to pay their Proportion of all Charges, Taxes, and Expences as the same shall be Necessary and Demanded the Right of such Negligent & Delinquent Person shall be & hereby is Declared to be forfeited to the other of said Grantees. That three of the said reserved Shares be for Publick uses, viz. One for the first Minister of the Gospell that shall be Settled on said Tract of Land, & Continue there untill regularly Dismist, another for the use of the Ministry, the other for the use & toward the Support of a Publick School there forever— Provided further that in Case of failure of performing the Conditions aforesaid on the part of the Grantees, the said Grantors shall and may hereby enter into the said Premises in part in the name of the whole, or into the whole, & the said Grantees wholly to Remove, oust & Expel—



[Draft of Lots in Moultonborough, 1764.]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, Vol. 6, p. 248.]

Province of } Portsmouth June 7<sup>th</sup> 1764, At a Convention of  
 New Hampshire } the Proprietors of the Lands, purchased of John  
 Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in the Province of New Hampshire—Consented  
 & agreed that the Number of Lots to the number of Grantors &  
 Grantees be now drawn for, in the first Division of Lots laid out in  
 the Tract of Land, granted to Jon<sup>a</sup> Moulton Esq<sup>r</sup> Ephraim Marston,  
 Jeremiah Marston & others—

	Lot	range		Lot	range
for the first Minister . . . . .	3	10	for the Parsonage Lot . . . . .	4	11
for the School Lot . . . . .	1	7	Tho <sup>a</sup> Wallingford Esq . . . . .	6	9
George Jaffrey . . . . .	6	11	John Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	4	9
Thomlinson & Mason . . . . .	1	1	Joshua Peirce Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	2	8
John Moffatt Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	5	5	Samuel Livermore Esq . . . . .	5	3
William Parker Esq . . . . .	2	2	Solly & March . . . . .	2	1
Thomas Packer Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	7	7	Meserve Blanchard } . . . . .	1	8
Jotham Odiorne Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	9	14	& others— } . . . . .		
Richard Wibird Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	3	2	Moore & Peirce . . . . .	1	2
John Rindge . . . . .	7	14	Mark H <sup>s</sup> Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	7	11
Grantees . . . . .			Theodore Atkinson Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	5	2
Philip Towle . . . . .	1	9	Nath <sup>l</sup> Ambrose . . . . .	2	4
Jon <sup>a</sup> Moulton Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	3	4	John Neal . . . . .	2	14
Rich <sup>d</sup> Cutts Shannon . . . . .	8	14	Elisha Towle . . . . .	3	9
John Tuck . . . . .	1	4	Samuel Brown . . . . .	4	4
James Philbrick . . . . .	4	2	Simon Nudd . . . . .	5	14
Benj <sup>a</sup> Mason . . . . .	5	1	Benj <sup>a</sup> Sanborn . . . . .	6	2
Benning Moulton . . . . .	5	8	Philip Hooker . . . . .	8	13
Joshua James . . . . .	4	14	John Garland . . . . .	6	1
Amos Coffin . . . . .	9	13	Joseph Palmer . . . . .	5	9
Anthony Emery . . . . .	4	8	Jon <sup>a</sup> Moulton 3 <sup>d</sup> . . . . .	2	9
Joshua Towle . . . . .	7	8	Ephraim Marston . . . . .	2	13
William Vittum jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	3	11	Shubael Dearborn . . . . .	1	6
Joseph Sanborn . . . . .	1	14	Stephen Page . . . . .	5	10
Thomas Brown . . . . .	6	14	William Vittum . . . . .	4	6
Josiah Moulton 3 <sup>d</sup> . . . . .	5	6	William Simpson . . . . .	7	13
John Taylor . . . . .	3	14	Thomas White . . . . .	4	13
Christo <sup>l</sup> Toppan Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	7	12	Josiah Dearborn . . . . .	3	8
John Moulton . . . . .	2	12	John Lamprey . . . . .	5	11
Samuel Towle . . . . .	5	4	Jeremiah Marston . . . . .	6	12
Nathaniel Towle . . . . .	2	6	Sam <sup>l</sup> Robinson . . . . .	2	7
Jonathan Leavitt . . . . .	2	11	Jon <sup>a</sup> Elkins . . . . .	1	11

	Lot	range		Lot	range
Richard Nason Esqr . . . . .	5	13	Ebenezer Lane . . . . .	3	6
Thomas Rand . . . . .	5	12	Nathan Moulton jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	6	7
Simon Dow . . . . .	4	12	Worthington Moulton . . . . .	1	13
Joseph Garland . . . . .	6	10	William Lane . . . . .	5	7
Ebenezer Blake . . . . .	6	8	Benj <sup>a</sup> Page . . . . .	3	7
Edward Shaw Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	4	3	Bradbury Richardson . . . . .	3	12
Joshua Lane Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	3	3	Jeremiah Towle . . . . .	4	7
George Place . . . . .	4	5	Jon <sup>a</sup> Garland . . . . .	2	5
Benj <sup>a</sup> Bachelder . . . . .	3	13	John Moulton 3 <sup>d</sup> . . . . .	4	1
Jon <sup>a</sup> Shaw jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	1	3	Joseph Johnson . . . . .	3	1

The above Draft was made by Order and in the Presence of the Proprietors—

attest Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>r</sup> Cle<sup>r</sup>

a true Copy of the Record of the Draft of the Lotts in the first division of a tract of land granted to Jon<sup>a</sup> Moulton &<sup>c</sup>

attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>r</sup> Cl

Draft of Lots in Moultonborough—of the Second and third Divisions—

	2 <sup>d</sup> Division		third Division	
	N <sup>o</sup>	Range	N <sup>o</sup>	range
William Parker Esqr . . . . .	2	A	2	1
George Jaffrey Esqr . . . . .	4	3	11	3
Mark Hunking Wentworth Esqr . . . . .	4	2	15	1
Theodore Atkinson Esqr . . . . .	1	C	3	1
Richard Wibird Esqr . . . . .	3	4	6	2
Moore & Peirce . . . . .	1	10	16	1
Solly & March . . . . .	4	C	11	1
Samuel Livermore Esqr . . . . .	1	A	6	1
John Moffatt Esqr . . . . .	3	B	25	2
Meserve & Comp <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	3	3	7	1
Thomas Wallingford Esqr . . . . .	B	9	13	1
John Wentworth Esqr . . . . .	5	1	3	5
Mason & Thomlinson . . . . .	6	6	26	2

	2 <sup>d</sup> Division		third Division	
	N <sup>o</sup>	Range	N <sup>o</sup>	range
Thomas Packer Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	A	10	9	4
Joshua Peirce Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	C	10	22	2
Jotham Odiorne Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	2	1	14	2
John Rindge Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	Range 8	N <sup>o</sup> 1	9	1
	a point			
Jonathan Moulton Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	1	9	5	4
Ephraim Marston . . . . .	2	6	17	2
Jeremiah Marston . . . . .	5	5	6	3
Benj <sup>a</sup> Page . . . . .	2	C	13	3
Benjamin Bachelder . . . . .	4	6	1	5
John Lamprey . . . . .	9	12	1	3
Jeremiah Towle . . . . .	2	8	27	1
Philip Towle . . . . .	2	4	24	1
Stephen Page . . . . .	1	B	10	3
Simon Dow Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	6	1	5	1
Christopher Toppan Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	1	10	2	4
Jonathan Leavit . . . . .	5	D	14	3
Nathan Moulton Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	3	A	3	4
John Tuck . . . . .	1	2	1	2
Thomas Rand . . . . .	1	7	8	2
Thomas Brown . . . . .	B	10	4	4
John Moulton . . . . .	4	7	29	1
John Moulton 3 <sup>d</sup> . . . . .	2	7	5	5
Amos Coffin . . . . .	C	9	12	1
Anthony Emery Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	2	5	12	3
Joshua Lane Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	1	1	15	3
James Philbrick . . . . .	8	11	9	3
Edward Shaw Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	4	4	7	4
Joseph Johnson . . . . .	4	5	12	2
Joshua James . . . . .	1	D	5	3
Joshua Towle . . . . .	5	7	15	2
Joseph Palmer . . . . .	3	2	21	2
Jonathan Shaw Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	4	1	29	2
William Simpson . . . . .	1	12	5	2
Joseph Sandburn . . . . .	2	2	2	5
Nathaniel Towle . . . . .	3	6	19	2
Josiah Dearborn . . . . .	1	4	28	1
Ebenezer Lane . . . . .	2	12	21	1
Samuel Brown . . . . .	2	B	28	2
Jonathan Elkins . . . . .	1	6	8	1
William Lane . . . . .	5	4	18	1
John Taylor . . . . .	7	1	4	2
Samuel Towle . . . . .	2	10	4	1

	2 <sup>d</sup> Division		third Division	
	N <sup>o</sup>	Range	N <sup>o</sup>	range
Bradbury Richardson . . . . .	5	2 a Point	9	2
Nath <sup>l</sup> Ambrose . . . . .	3	7	27	2
Josiah Moulton 3 <sup>d</sup> . . . . .	1	4 on Point	25	1
Jonathan Moulton 3 <sup>d</sup> . . . . .	8	1	10	1
Benjamin Sandborn . . . . .	D	13	24	2
Benning Moulton . . . . .	9	11	22	1
George Place . . . . .	E	14	23	1
William Vittum Jun <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	1	8	23	2
Samuel Robinson . . . . .	2	9	14	1
Philip Hooker . . . . .	1	12	6	4
Elisha Towle . . . . .	2	10	7	3
Worthington Moulton . . . . .	2	11	7	2
John Garland . . . . .	4	D Ennis	8	4
Joseph Garland . . . . .	2	D	19	1
William Vittum . . . . .	1	3	4	5
Richard Nason Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	E	13	26	1
Benjamin Mason . . . . .	1	5	20	2
Shubael Dearborn . . . . .	8	12	11	2
Thomas White . . . . .	6	7	2	3
John Neal . . . . .	4	10	13	2
Richard Cutts Shannon . . . . .	5	6	16	2
Ebenezer Blake . . . . .	D	14	17	1
Simon Nudd . . . . .	1	11	20	1
Jonathan Garland . . . . .	1	13	3	3
School . . . . .	2	3	10	2
Ministers . . . . .	3	C	18	2
Parsonage . . . . .	3	5	8	3

Province of } Portsmouth February 28<sup>th</sup> 1766  
 New Hamps<sup>r</sup> } The Draft of the Lots in the Second & third Divisions of the Tract of Land granted to Jonathan Moulton Esq<sup>r</sup> & others by the Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in the Province of New Hampshire drawn by Direction of said Proprietors.

attest Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>r</sup> Cle<sup>r</sup>

a true Copy of the Record of the Lotts in the Second & Third Divisions of the Tract of Land granted to Jon<sup>a</sup> Moulton &<sup>o</sup>

attest: Geo: Jaffrey Prop<sup>r</sup> Cl



[*Petition of Proprietors of Moultonborough, 1770.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 177.]

Province of } To the Proprietors of Mason's Patent so call'd in  
New Hamp<sup>r</sup> } said Province, in their propriety Meeting conven'd  
February the 21<sup>st</sup> Day Anno: Dom: 1770—

Humbly shews the Proprietors, of Moultonborough, in said Province; that the Proprietors, of Sandwich in the same Province, have included, within their Lines; a large Quantity of Land, granted by your Proprety, to s<sup>d</sup> Moultonborough To recover which, your Petitioners commenced, several Actions against the Settlers under said Sandwich, which Actions, for a Long Time, have been & still are pending in the Law; and whereas your Propriety recommended, to your Petitioners, & the Proprietors of said Sandwich, to accommodate said Dispute by settling their Lines by Agreement; giving Encouragement to them that you wou'd confirm their Agreement & compensate the Proprietors of said Moultonborough, with other Lands in Lieu of those they should release to said Sandwich, Whereupon, the Proprietors of s<sup>d</sup> Moultonbor<sup>h</sup> by their Agreement, in writing, dated the 13<sup>th</sup> of January A D 1769, Releas'd to the Proprietors of said Sandwich, all the Lands within the Lines in said Agreement mentiond, provided, your Propriety woud consent to the same, whereupon, at your Meeting held the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of the same January, it was Voted that an Additional Grant be made to said Moultonborough according to the form of the Vote then read, but said Vote was then suspended, being Recorded 'till the Proprietors of said Sandwich shou'd petition, your Propriety for a Grant of all your Right of Land, within the Bounds of said Sandwich which, they soon after did: But notwithstanding your Petitioners are inform'd, said Vote is not yet recorded, or said Grant confirm'd to them, Wherefore, your Petitioners humbly pray, that, said Vote may be recorded, and The Land therein contain'd confirm'd, to them, or that they may be compensated in other Lands, as shall be thought most adviseable—And your Petitioners shall ever pray.—

Jon <sup>a</sup> Moulton	} Committee for the Prop <sup>rs</sup> of Moulton- borough
John Moulton	
Jonathan Leavitt	
Tho <sup>s</sup> Rand	
Jeremiah Towle	
Amos Coffin	



[*Draft of Letter to Moultonborough Proprietors, 1770.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 178.]

Gent<sup>m</sup>

The Proprietors of Masons Right in New Hampshire this day at their meeting desired me in their behalf to advise you that this meeting would be adjourned to Wednesday y<sup>e</sup> Eleventh day of July next ten of y<sup>e</sup> Clock before noon when they expect you or others will appear for y<sup>e</sup> Grantees of Moultonborough so called and render a full account of all y<sup>e</sup> Settlements and improvements made within said grant and by whom and at what time made—and if you do not appear for that purpose and Shew Sufficient reason why y<sup>e</sup> Terms of y<sup>e</sup> grant are not fulfilled they propose without any delay to vote y<sup>e</sup> grant forfeit &c—in behalf of s<sup>t</sup> Prop<sup>m</sup>—I am y<sup>r</sup> Humble

June 21<sup>th</sup> 1770

To Jonathan Moulton John Moulton Jon<sup>s</sup> Leavit Thomas Rand  
Jer<sup>s</sup> Towle amos Coffin &c Grantees of Moultonborough so called



[Proprietors and Settlers of Moultonborough, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 179.]

A List of the Proprietors of a Tract of Land call'd Moultonborough, together with an Account of the Settlements made for their respective Rights either by them or those who own them with the Names of the settlers affix'd against each settled Prop<sup>r</sup> Right, Viz<sup>t</sup>—

Original Prop <sup>r</sup> Names	Persons Names who claim the Rights by Purchase	Settlers Names
		William Vittum Sanbon Chandler Ezek <sup>l</sup> Moulton John Ennis J <sup>n</sup> Saunderson Sam <sup>l</sup> Richardson } settled by the Proprietors—
Jon <sup>a</sup> Moulton Esq		has made large Improvements
Ephraim Marston	Jon <sup>a</sup> Moulton Esq <sup>r</sup>	2 settlers put on by Sandw <sup>h</sup> Prop <sup>r</sup>
Jerem <sup>b</sup> Marston	d <sup>o</sup>	Israel Glines
Benj <sup>a</sup> Page	d <sup>o</sup>	Stephen Webster
Benj <sup>a</sup> Batchelder	d <sup>o</sup>	2 settlers put on by Sandw <sup>h</sup> Prop <sup>r</sup>
J <sup>n</sup> Lampory	d <sup>o</sup>	Richard Alley
Jerem <sup>b</sup> Towle		
Philip Towle		
Stephen Page		
Simon Dow J <sup>r</sup>	Jon <sup>a</sup> Moulton Esq <sup>r</sup>	Jos Richardson
Christ <sup>r</sup> Toppam Esq <sup>r</sup>	Moses Little	
Jon <sup>a</sup> Leavitt		David Philbrick
Nathan Moulton Jr	Jon <sup>a</sup> Moulton E <sup>r</sup>	David Thompson
John Tuck	d <sup>o</sup>	John Adams
Thomas Rand		1 settler by Sandw <sup>h</sup> Prop <sup>r</sup>
Thomas Brown	Jon <sup>a</sup> Moulton Esq <sup>r</sup>	
J <sup>n</sup> Moulton J <sup>r</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	Samuel Low
J <sup>n</sup> Moulton 3 <sup>rd</sup>		preparing for Settlem <sup>t</sup>
Anth <sup>y</sup> Emery Esq <sup>r</sup>	Jon <sup>a</sup> Moulton Esq <sup>r</sup>	Benj <sup>a</sup> Kimball
Joshua Lane J <sup>r</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	Alex <sup>r</sup> Megoon
Amos Coffen		Peter Garland
James Philbrick	Jon <sup>a</sup> Moulton Esq <sup>r</sup>	Isaac Cumings
Edw <sup>d</sup> Shaw J <sup>r</sup>	d <sup>o</sup>	Stephen Sanborn
Joseph Johnson		Enoch Blake
Joshua James	Jon <sup>a</sup> Moulton Esq <sup>r</sup>	Amos Sanborn
Joshua Towle	Walter Bryent Esq <sup>r</sup>	
Joseph Palmer		
Jon <sup>a</sup> Shaw Jun <sup>r</sup>		

Original Prop <sup>r</sup> Names	Persons Names who claim the Rights by Purchase	Settlers Names
Will <sup>m</sup> Simpson . . .	Jon <sup>a</sup> Moulton Esq <sup>r</sup>	Benj <sup>a</sup> Hilyard 1 settler by Sandw <sup>ch</sup> Prop <sup>r</sup>
Joseph Sanborn . . .		Dan <sup>l</sup> Gilman
Nat. Towle . . .	Jon <sup>a</sup> Moulton Esq <sup>r</sup>	Will <sup>m</sup> Atkins
Josiah Dearborn . . .	do	Ezek <sup>l</sup> Clemens
Ebenezer Lane . . .	do	Stephen Mason
Samuel Brown . . .	do	Nat Burdeen
Jon <sup>a</sup> Elkins . . .		James Mason
W <sup>m</sup> Lane . . .	Jon <sup>a</sup> Moulton Esq <sup>r</sup>	
Jn <sup>o</sup> Taylor . . .	Moses Little	
Sam <sup>l</sup> Towle . . .		settled himself
Brad <sup>r</sup> Richardson . . .		settled himself
Nath <sup>l</sup> Ambrose . . .		Eb <sup>r</sup> Chamberlain
Jos. Moulton 3 <sup>rd</sup> . . .		John Boynton
Jon <sup>a</sup> Moulton 3 <sup>rd</sup> . . .		
Benj <sup>a</sup> Sanborn . . .	Jon <sup>a</sup> Moulton Esq <sup>r</sup>	Elisha Cumings
Benn <sup>s</sup> Moulton . . .		
Geo. Place . . .		
Will <sup>m</sup> Vittum J <sup>r</sup> . . .		
Sam <sup>l</sup> Robinson . . .	Jon <sup>a</sup> Moulton Esq <sup>r</sup>	Jonathan Choat
Philip Hooker . . .	do	Will <sup>m</sup> Boynton
Elisha Towle . . .	do	David Bean
Worth <sup>s</sup> Moulton . . .	Geo Meservy	
John Garland . . .		
Joseph Garland . . .		
Will Vittum . . .	Jon <sup>a</sup> Moulton Esq	Stephen Bennet
Rich <sup>d</sup> Nason Esq <sup>r</sup> . . .	do	
Benj <sup>a</sup> Mason . . .	Dan <sup>l</sup> Farnham Esq <sup>r</sup>	
Shubel Derborn . . .	Jon <sup>a</sup> Moulton Esq <sup>r</sup>	1 settler by Sandwich Prop <sup>r</sup>
Thomas White . . .	do	Elisha Cumings J <sup>r</sup>
John Neal . . .	Jon <sup>a</sup> Moulton Esq <sup>r</sup>	3 settlers by Sandw <sup>ch</sup> Prop <sup>r</sup>
R <sup>d</sup> Cutt Shannon . . .	do	
Ebenezer Blake . . .		settled himself
Simon Nudd . . .	Ropkins	
Jon <sup>a</sup> Garland . . .		Moody Bean

[Unsettled Shares in Moultonborough, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 180.]

A List of Rights of Land in Moultonborough not settled except those Sandwich Proprietors have put settlers upon Viz<sup>t</sup>  
John Moulton Esq<sup>r</sup> preparing for Settlement—

Worthington Moulton claim'd by Geo. Meservy—  
 Benjamin Mason claim'd by Dan<sup>l</sup> Farnham Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Simon Nudd, claim'd by Ropkins—  
 Stephen Page  
 Joseph Palmer  
 Tho<sup>s</sup> Rand One settler put on by Sandwich Proprietors,  
 Jonathan Shaw—  
 Joseph Sanborn One settler put on by Sandwich Prop<sup>rs</sup>—  
 Jeremiah Towle—  
 Philip Towle—  
 Christo<sup>r</sup> Toppan Esq— claim'd by Moses Little—  
 Jn<sup>o</sup> Garland—  
 John Taylor claim'd by Moses Little  
 Ephraim Marston claim'd by Jon<sup>s</sup> Moulton Esq<sup>r</sup> Two settlers put  
 on by Sandwich Proprietors—  
 Richard Nason Esq<sup>r</sup> claim'd by Jon<sup>s</sup> Moulton Esq<sup>r</sup> Two settlers put  
 on by Sandwich Prop<sup>rs</sup>—  
 Samuel Towle—  
 Joshua Towle claim'd by Walter Bryant Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 y<sup>e</sup> whole 18,—

[Settlers in Moultonborough, 1770.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 181.]

A List of Settlers on a Tract of Land call'd Moultonborough July  
 7<sup>th</sup> 1770.—

Jon<sup>s</sup> Moulton large Improvements.—

W <sup>m</sup> Vittum	Sanborn Chandler	Ezekiel Moulton
John Ennis	John Sanderson	Samuel Richardson
Israel Glines	David Bean	Stephen Webster
Richard Alley	Joseph Richardson	David Thompson
John Adams	Stephen Bennet	Samuel Low
Benj <sup>s</sup> Kimbal	Elexander Megoon	Jonathan Choat
Stephen Sanborn	Amos Sanborn	John Garland
Benj <sup>s</sup> Hilyard	Daniel Gilman	William Atkins
Ezek <sup>l</sup> Clemens	Stephen Mason	James Mason
Joseph Senter	Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Chamberlin	Elisha Cumings
John Boynton	Bradbury Richardson	Nath <sup>l</sup> Ambrose
Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Blake	Enoch Blake	Peter Garland
Moody Bean	W <sup>m</sup> Vittum Jun <sup>r</sup>	Nath <sup>l</sup> Burdeen

Will<sup>m</sup> Boynton in the Place improving, not yet in Family Estate,  
 but will be very soon.—

Isaac Cumings in the Place improving, not yet in Family Estate but will be very soon

Elisha Cumings Jun' in the Place improving not yet in Family Estate but will be very Soon

David Philbrick improving & will move thereon in a few Days.—

44. The whole

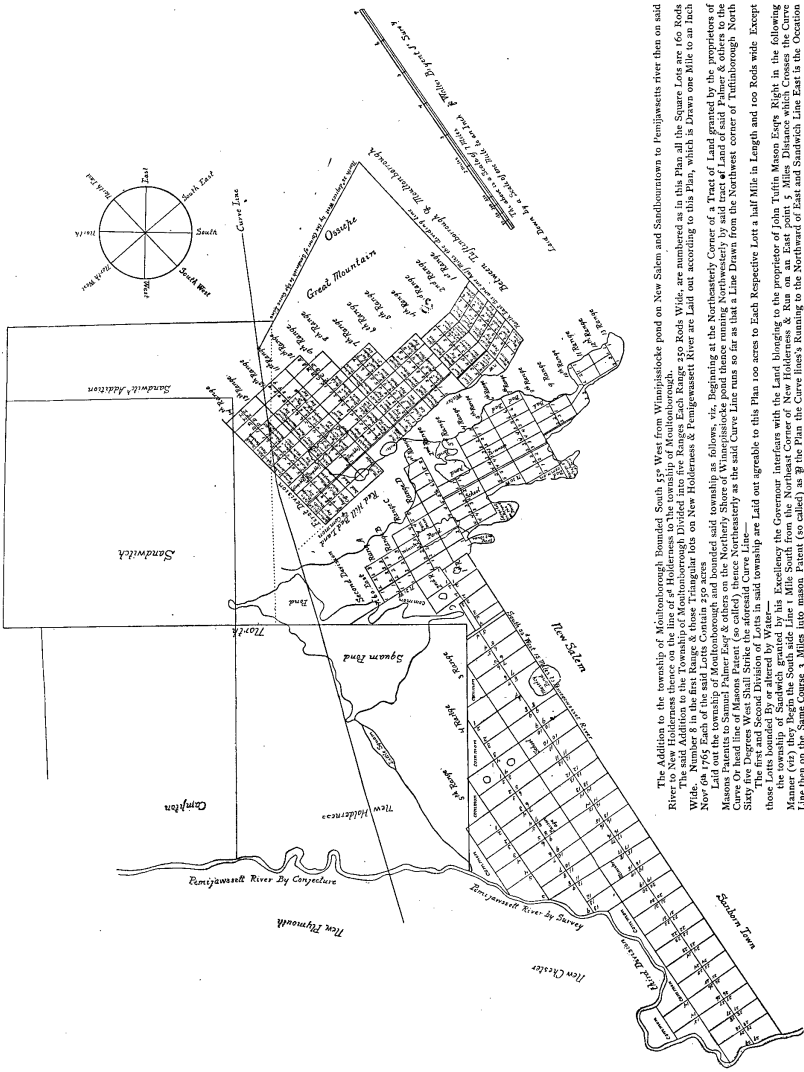
N B. several other settlers put on said Moultonborough by Sandwich Proprietors—& several Person began their Improvements in Moulton Borough & will soon move thereon.—

[*Deposition of Jeremiah Towle, 1771.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 182.*]

I Jeremiah Towle of Hampton in the Province of New Hampshire, testify that on or about the thirteenth Day of January 1769, I attended a Meeting of the Proprietors of Lands holding under John Tufton Mason Esq' at the House of James Stoodley Esq' Inholder in Portsmouth in said Province, a Committee representing the Township of Moultonborough and a Committee representing the Township of Sandwiche, were present, respecting some Disputes about the Dividing Line of said Townships, Coll' Atkinson one of said Proprietors and Moderator of said Meeting, desired said Committees to go by themselves, and see if they could agree on said Dividing Line, & told them said Meeting should be adjourned to receive their Report, The said Committees a few Days after at the Meeting again of said Proprietors reported to them that they had agreed for said Sandwich to hold as far as the Line they claimed to on Condition of Mason's Proprietors consenting to the same & giving Moultonborough other Lands in Lieu of what they gave up to Sandwich, which the said Proprietors consented to, and got one M<sup>r</sup> Royse to calculate from a Plan they gave him how much said Sandwich as they claimed would take from said Moultonborough according to the Upper Curve Line run by Robert Fletcher last, said Royce after he had calculated told them that said Sandwich as they claimed would take from Moultonborough about thirty three thousand Acres, they then employed said Royce to calculate by some Plans they gave him to see how far a Line must extend, from the East Line of Sandwiche Claim on said Curve Line as that a straight Line drawn to the Northwest Corner of the Township of Tuftonborough and from thence to the Southeast Corner of the Township of Sandwich would contain about thirty three thousand Acres, which the said Royse did and upon his Calculation thereof & rendering a Plan of the same the said Proprietors on the eighteenth Day of

[Plan of Montfborough and Addition.]



The Addition to the township of Montfborough bounded South 5<sup>th</sup> West from Winiplolocke pond on New Salem and Sandwichtown to Pemjawssett river then on said River to New Holderness thence on the line of <sup>of</sup> Holderness to the township of Montfborough  
 Nov 6th 1765 Each of the said Lots Contain 250 acres  
 Laid out the township of Montfborough and bound laid out as follows  
 Mass<sup>ts</sup> Patent No 10000 Northern Shores of Winiplolocke pond thence running Northwesterly by said tract of Land of said Palmer & others to the Curve Or head line of Masons Patent (so called) thence Northwesterly as the said Curve Line runs so far as that a Line Drawn from the Northwest corner of Tuffinborough North Sixty five Degrees West Shall Strike the aforesaid Curve Line—  
 The first and second Blocks of 250 acres in said township are Laid out agreeable to this Plan 100 acres to Each Respective Lot a half Mile in Length and 100 Rods wide Except those the first and second Blocks of 250 acres in said township are Laid out agreeable to this Plan the Curves Line's remaining to the Northward of East and Sandwiche Line East is the Occupation of them interfering  
 the township of Sandwiche granted by his Excellency the Governour interfere with the Land belonging to the proprietor of John Tuffin Mason Esqre Right in the following Manner (viz) they begin the South side Line 1 Mile South from the Northward of East and Sandwiche Line East is the Occupation of them interfering  
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the aforesaid January while I was present unanimously voted a Grant of Land to the said Moulton his Heirs and Assigns to run seven Miles & three Quarters of a Mile from the East Line of said Sandwich Claim on the said Curve Line and from the End of said seven Miles & three Quarters of a Mile to run as before described & William Parker Esq<sup>r</sup> then present enter'd said Vote in Writing by said Proprietors Desire

Jeremiah Towle

Prov<sup>e</sup> of New Hampshire } Portsm<sup>o</sup> January 11<sup>th</sup> 1771—  
 Then Jeremiah Towle above named appeared and after due Caution made solemn Oath to the Truth of the foregoing Deposition by him signed, Taken at the Request of Jonathan Moulton Esq<sup>r</sup>.—In Perpetuam Rei Memoriam—

Before Peter Gilman } Justices of the  
 Meshech Weare } Peace Quorum  
 Unus

Received & Recorded 16<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1771— D. Peirce Red<sup>r</sup>

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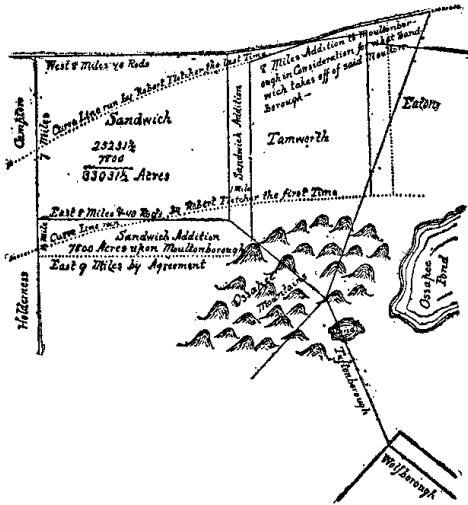
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[*Plan of Addition to Moultonborough, 1771.*]

The Land contain'd within the Red Lines is what was voted to Coll<sup>l</sup> Moulton by Mason's Proprietors the 19<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1769 in Consideration for what Sandwich takes from Moultonborough being 33031 $\frac{1}{2}$  Acres as calculated at the Desire of said Proprietors

Vere Royse





I the Subscriber hereby certify that the above Plan is just & true agreeable to a Plan given me to calculate and draw from and that it was drawn by me Jan<sup>y</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1769, at the Request of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> & others Proprietors of Mason's Patent so called, The Land included within the red Lines contains thirty three thousand and thirty one and a half Acres as calculated by me, at said Proprietors desire & is the same s<sup>d</sup> Proprietors when I was present with them voted to Jonathan Moulton Esq<sup>r</sup> his Heirs &c at their Meeting held at the House of James Stoodley Esq<sup>r</sup> Innholder in Portsmouth on the Day above mentioned in Liew of that Land the Township of Sandwich claimed from the Township of Moultonborough, which said Tract of Land I laid down on the above Plan agreeable to their particular Directions to me, which were as follows, Viz<sup>t</sup> to begin at the Upper Curve Line run by Robert Fletcher last, where it intersected the Easterly Line of Sandwich Claim, and to run Easterly on said Line eight Miles then to turn & run down to the North Corner Bound of the Township of Tuftonborough then to run on a direct Course toward the Southeast Corner Bound of Sandwich until it meets with the Easterly Line of Sandwich Claim and from thence to

the Place first began at, so as to contain about thirty three thousand and thirty one and half Acres—

Vere Royse—

Prov<sup>o</sup> of New Hampshire } Portsm<sup>o</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1771 Then Vere Royse within  
 named appeared and after due Caution made solemn  
 Oath to the Truth of the within Deposition, by him signed, Taken  
 at the Request of Jonathan Moulton Esq<sup>r</sup>, In Perpetuum Rei Memoriam

Before Peter Gilman } Justices of the  
 Meshech Weare } Peace Quorum Unus

Received and Recorded 16<sup>th</sup> January 1771

D. Peirce Reed<sup>r</sup>

Province of New Hampshire } A true Copy from Book 101 Page 79 Examind  
 } 30<sup>th</sup> April 1771—

D Peirce Red<sup>r</sup>

[*Deposition of Thomas Rand, 1771.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 183.*]

I Thomas Rand of Hampton in the Prov<sup>o</sup> of New Hampshire testify that on or about the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1769, I attended a Meeting of the Proprietors of Lands holding under John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> which was held at the House of James Stoodly Esq<sup>r</sup> in Portsmouth, at which Meeting were present two Committees, one representing the Proprietors of the Township of Sandwich, the other representing the Township of Moultonborough, which appeared at said Meeting on Account of a Dispute between the Proprietors of said Townships with Respect to their Dividing Line, It was there moved by s<sup>d</sup> Mason's Proprietors for the said Committees to endeavour to agree among themselves on some Method that would accommodate the Dispute, & the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> the Moderator of said Meeting proposed for said Committees to retire by themselves for that Purpose, and told them they would adjourn their Meeting to a further Time in Order to receive their Report, accordingly said Masons Proprietors adjourned their Meeting, I the Depo-  
 nent further say that I was present at their Meeting by said Adjournment which was a few Days after their aforesaid Meeting, and the aforesaid Committees appeared, and reported to said Mason's Proprietors that they had agreed for Sandwich to hold to the Line they claimed to, provided said Mason's Proprietors would consent to it, and would grant to the Proprietors of said Moultonborough other

Lands equivalent in Lieu of that said Sandwich would take from said Moultonborough which said Mason's Proprietors consented to & proposed to let Coll' Moulton have Land equivalent out of Land they claimed which joined to the Easterly Side of said Sandwich, and said Mason's Proprietors employed M<sup>r</sup> Vere Royse to calculate how much Land said Sandwich as they claimed would take from said Moultonborough according to the Plan of the Upper Curve Line that M<sup>r</sup> Robert Fletcher had last run and returned, & a Plan that was drawn and returned by Walter Bryant Esq<sup>r</sup> of the aforesaid Townships and other townships and Lands thereto adjoining and the said Royse took said Plans and received Instructions from said Mason's Proprietors & accordingly calculated it, & reported to said Proprietors that by calculating agreeable to their Directions said Sandwich Claim would take from said Moultonborough the Quantity of about thirty three thousand Acres, they then desired M<sup>r</sup> Royse to draw a Plan, which he did and it was accepted by said Mason's Proprietors—

Tho<sup>s</sup> Rand—

Prov<sup>o</sup> of New } Portsmouth January 11<sup>th</sup> 1771—  
 Hampshire } Then Thomas Rand within named appeared and  
 after due Caution made solemn Oath to the Truth of the within  
 Deposition by him signed—Taken at the Request of Jonathan Moulton Esq<sup>r</sup>

In Perpetuam Rei Memoriam—

Before Peter Gilman } Justices of y<sup>e</sup> Peace  
 Meshech Weare } Quorum Unus

Received & Recorded 16<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1771—

D. Peirce Recd<sup>r</sup>

Province of New Hampshire, A true Copy from Book N<sup>o</sup> 101 Page 75.—

Examined 29<sup>th</sup> April 1771.—

D Peirce Red<sup>r</sup>

[*Deposition of Jeremiah Bryant, 1771.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 184.]

I Jeremiah Bryant of Newmarket testify that on or about the first Day of Nov<sup>r</sup> A. D. 1770 was employed by Jonathan Moulton Esq<sup>r</sup> to run out a Tract of Land claimed by Purchasers of Mason's Patent so called which Tract of Land I understood was voted to said Moulton by said Mason's Proprietors, and saw the Copy thereof attested by George Jaffrey Esq<sup>r</sup>, Said Proprietors Clerk, which Vote I was to be

governed by in running out said Tract of Land, accordingly I with sundry Hands procured by s<sup>d</sup> Moulton to carry the Chain and spot &c. Proceeded to run out said Tract of Land, and were governed by a Plan drawn by Vere Royce, which Plan represents the abovesaid Tract of Land that was voted to said Moulton—

We began at the East Line of Sandish Claim at the lower Curve Line where said Lines intersect, thence run Westerly six Miles, thence North about eighteen Degrees East, which Course I intended should hit the upper Curve Line so called eight Miles from Sandish Line, as was in said Vote to said Moulton mentioned agreeable to said Royces Plan, returned back on said Line and run Southwesterly for the Corner of Tuftonborough but did not find said Corner by the Plan of said Royce, And my Knowledge of the Land &c were not far from Corner of Tuftonborough s<sup>d</sup> Lines were well spotted—

Jeremiah Bryant—

Prov<sup>o</sup> of New Hamp<sup>t</sup> Portsmouth January 11<sup>th</sup> 1771

Then Jeremiah Bryant above named appeared and after due Caution made solemn Oath to the Truth of the above Deposition by him signed, Taken at the Request of Jonathan Moulton Esq<sup>r</sup>—

In Perpetuam Rei Memoriam

Before Peter Gilman { Justices of the Peace  
Meshech Weare } Quorum Unus

Received and Recorded 16<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1771— D. Peirce Recd<sup>r</sup>

Prov<sup>o</sup> of New Hamp<sup>t</sup> A true Copy from Book 101 Page 72—

Examined this 29<sup>th</sup> April 1771— D Peirce Red<sup>r</sup>

[*Deposition of Vere Royce, 1771.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 185.]

I Vere Royse of Portsmouth testify that on or about the eighteenth Day of January one thousand seven hundred & sixty nine I attended a Meeting of the Proprietors holding under John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> at the House of James Stoodley Esq<sup>r</sup> in Portsmouth aforesaid at the Desire of Hon<sup>ble</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> Moderator & others of said Proprietors I examined that Curve Line and said Proprietors Claim, that one Robert Fletcher had last run, & some Townships adjoining or nearly lying thereto (being within their said Claim) from a Plan that one Walter Bryant Esq<sup>r</sup> had drawn, & then to calculate what number of Acres there were below said Curve, which the Township of Sandwich would take of from the Township of Moultonborough

according to what said Sandwich then claimed & found the Contents to be thirty three thousand & thirty one and an half Acres, having governed my Calculations to Lines pointed out to me by Coll<sup>o</sup> Atkinson and approved of by said Proprietors then present then by the Desire of the said Proprietors I calculated the extent on said Upper Curve, from the East Side of Sandwich Claim, being about seven Miles and three Quarters of a Mile upon said Curve and then a Direct Line runs from thence to the North westerly Corner Bounds of Tufton-borough (which Corner said Bryent's Plan represents) and from thence on a direct Course toward the Southeast Corner of Sandwich until it meets with the Easterly Line of Sandwich Claim, & from thence by the Easterly Line of Sandwich Claim until it meets said upper Curve shall enclose thirty three thousand & thirty one and an half Acres, which by s<sup>d</sup> Proprietors was voted to said Moulton and afterwards on the nineteenth being present at their Meeting the said Proprietors voted to the said Moulton & his Heirs &c, eight miles upon said Upper Curve instead of the said seven & three Quarter Miles & agreeable thereto I drew a Plan

Vere Royse—

Province of New Hampshire Portsm<sup>o</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1771

Then Vere Royse above named appeared & after due Caution made Solemn Oath to the Truth of the above Deposition by him signed, Taken at the Request of Jonathan Moulton Esq<sup>r</sup> In Perpetnam Rei Memoriam

Before Peter Gilman } Justices of y<sup>e</sup> Peace  
Meshech Weare } Quorun Unus

Received & Recorded 16<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1771—

D. Peirce Recd<sup>r</sup>

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29<sup>th</sup> April 1771—

D Peirce Red<sup>r</sup>

[*Deposition of Walter Bryent, 1771.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 186.]

The Deposition of Walter Bryent of full Age testifies & says that on or about the nineteenth of January A. D. 1769, The Deponent was at a Meeting of the Proprietors of the Lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup> in New Hampshire, and heard said Proprietors & Coll<sup>o</sup> Jonathan Moulton Esq<sup>r</sup> converse about granting him Land in Lieu of what Lands the Town of Sandwich took off from Moulton-borough and M<sup>r</sup> Vere Royse being present with Plans calculated the Quantity that Sandwich took off as afores<sup>d</sup> and declared it to be about

thirty three thousand Acres, which Quantity they engaged to said Coll<sup>l</sup> Moulton, & voted it should lay joining on the East Side of Sandwich and to extend Easterly eight Miles on the Upper Curve Line, then on a straight to the North Corner of Tuftonborough (so called) which Tuftonborough was laid out before the abovesaid Meeting, adjoining on the Northwest Side of Wolfborough, and from the afores<sup>d</sup> North Corner of Tuftonborough to said Sandwich then by said Sandwich, to s<sup>d</sup> Curve Line, which Bounds are agreeable to a Plan which said Roysse laid before said Proprietors at said Meeting—

Walter Bryant

Prov<sup>o</sup> of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Portsm<sup>o</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1771, Then Walter Bryant above named appear<sup>d</sup> & after due Caution made solemn Oath to the Truth of the above Deposition by him signed, Taken at the Request of Jonathan Moulton Esq<sup>r</sup>

In Perpetuam Rei Memoriam—

Before Peter Gilman } Justices of the Peace  
Meshech Weare } Quorum Unus

Received & Recorded 16<sup>th</sup> January 1771— D Peirce Recd<sup>r</sup>

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Hampshire } 29<sup>th</sup> April 1771—

D Peirce Recd<sup>r</sup>



MOULTONBOROUGH.

Peter Garland	3	1		2	7		1	3	1	3
Stephen Bennet	7	3	1 and a Bark-house	10			4	30		
Alexander Magoon	8	1		3			2	1		
W <sup>m</sup> Atkins	4	1		1			2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1		
Joseph Banfield	1	1	1				5	30		
Richard Clements	4	1	1				2	2		
Daniel Gillman	7	1	1	2			4	5		
Benj <sup>s</sup> Kimball	5	1	1	1			4			
Col <sup>e</sup> Moulton's Richardson		1					7	4		
Lott										
Col <sup>e</sup> Moulton's Freese										
Lott										
Benj <sup>s</sup> Hilliard	6	1					5	2		
Stephen Mason	7	1	1	3			2	1		
James Mason	5	1	1	5			3	1 $\frac{1}{2}$		
Ezekiel Moulton	7	1	1	4			4	3		
John Ennis	8	1	1	6			5	10		
Col <sup>e</sup> Moulton			Barn frame				1			
Moody Bean				3					6 mostly Cleared up	
John Bean				2			2	4		
John Sanderson	6						1	4		
Lieut Senter in y <sup>e</sup> old Town				11			8	2	Thus far is in 2 y <sup>e</sup> old Town	
Lieut Senter in y <sup>e</sup> addition	9	1	2				14	9		
Isaac Cummings	1	1						6		
Elisha Cummings	5	1		5			2	8		
John Boynton	7	1		2		4	5	2		
David Senter	1	1	1	2			7	11		
Col <sup>e</sup> Moulton										
Ebenezer Chamberlin	9	1	1	7			5	12		
Andrew Cummings	1	1								
	197	37 Houses 4 Stores 2 Mills	25 Barns 1 pottash 1 Barkhouse	145	50	344	146 $\frac{1}{2}$	255	6 of which 2 are Clear'd	



N B We have Seen and View'd every Settlemen throughtout Moultonborough & it's Additions excepting Elisha Cummings John Boynton David Senter Ebenezer Chamberlin & Andrew Cummings's a discription of which places we rec<sup>d</sup> from Lieutenant Senter—The main Country Road in General we find to be good and a Tollerable good Road to Every Setler's House

John Flagg  
Henry Rust

Rockingham ss October 3<sup>rd</sup> 1771 then the above named John Flagg & Henry Rust Personally Appearing made Solemn Oath that the above List is just & true according to the best of their Judgment  
before me William Parker Just Pacis

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[*Nathan Lee to Proprietors, 1777.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 188.*]

To Daniel Rogers Esq<sup>r</sup> and the Rest of the Proprietors  
this is to Let your honer know that my Brother Neamah Lee hath Resined up the Lot No 4 which I ingaged By your word for him to John Rogers talor  
Moultonburrough  
October y<sup>e</sup> 13: 1777

Nathan Lee

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[*Petition of Inhabitants, 1778.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 189.*]

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Proprietors of Land holden under John Tufton Mason Esq<sup>r</sup>.—

The Petition of the Subscribers Inhabitants of Moultonborough, Sandwich & other places adjoining Humbly shews that your Petitioners, being destitute of any Means of Transportation from this Quarter except over Winnepisseoke Pond, which at many Seasons of the Year is very difficult & dangerous—That a proper Waggon Road is much wanted from Moultonborough, round the Southerly Side Osspe Mountain in Tuftonborough & through part of your Land to meet Conway Road. such a Road your Petitioners humbly conceive, woud be of great Utility to the Publick, & woud effectually accommodate the Settlers on your Hon<sup>rs</sup> Land, as well as those that may at any Time settle on said Tuftonborough Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray that you woud lay out & make a proper Waggon Road, to begin at Tuftonbor<sup>e</sup> Line, nigh where the New

Mills have lately been built & continue the said Road in the most suitable Land untill it comes to Conway Road—& your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray

February 3<sup>rd</sup> 1778

Bradbury Richardson	Nathaniel Ambros	Nath <sup>l</sup> Shannon
Ephraim Hacket	Stephen Webster	Obdiah dudy
Charles Hacet	Will <sup>m</sup> Esman	thomas Danford
Aaron Beede	John Hubbard	Bill Leech
Daniel Lee	Adam Brown	John walles
Jas flser	Nathan wales	benjaman blanser
geord Page	richard Clammons	Nathan Hoit
Josiah Poland	David Been	Benj <sup>n</sup> Been
Elias Smith	Jonas Carter	Jona Penniman
Isarel glines	John rise	Joseph garland
Mical Rise	Joseph Richardson	William Leavitt
James Jackson	Amos Whipple	William Whipple
John Goldmith	William Atkins	Bjman Brown
Obadiah Brown	Stephen Adams	Nehemiah Lee
Jonathan Moulton	Peter Garland	Ephraim Chamberlain
sander magoon	Jonathan Magoon	Ruben Roe
John Sanderson	Daniel Brown	Enoch sanderson
Ebenezer Lee	Phineas Graves	Eben <sup>r</sup> Blake
John Page	Victorious Smith	Jacob Brown
Joseph Chndler	John Dudley	James Brown
Moses Senter	Ebenezer Mella	Cornelius Cook
Benj <sup>n</sup> Kimball	Elias lad	Benja Scribner
Benja Adkines	John Priskit	David hinton

[*Petition of Inhabitants, 1781.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 190.]

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> William Whipple and Woodbury Langdon Esq<sup>rs</sup>—  
The Petition of the Subscribers Inhabitants of Moultonborough & Places adjacent Humbly shew that a good Waggon Road is much wanted from said Moultonborough, through Tufonborough to the Line of Ossipe Gore, to meet a Road leading from Conway Road so called where Josiah Polin now lives, to said Line of Tufonborough upon which Road a considerable Bridge will be necessary to be made over Melvins River, which Road so bridged & made your Petitioners humbly conceive woud be of publick Utility, & render the travelling & transport from the Towns above much more convenient than any

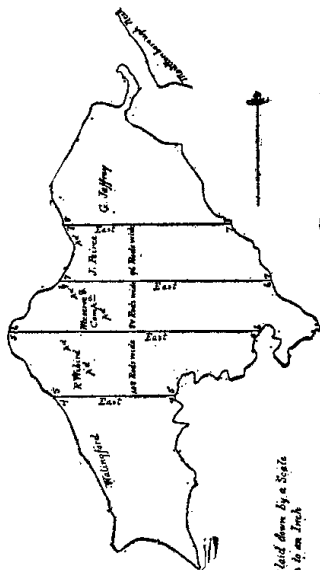
other Road now open—Wherefore your Petitioners pray your Hon<sup>rs</sup> Consideration of the Matter, & that you woud open & make such a Road through such part of said Tuftonborough as will best answer the Purposes aforesaid and your Petitioners shall ever pray—

February 6<sup>th</sup> 1781—

Moses weed	John Adams	Rufus Adams
John Rogers	Thomas Rogers	John adams Juner
William Whipple	Amos Whipple	Bile Leach
George Freese	Mark Jewell	Richard Clement
John Jewell	John Brown	Bradbury Jewell
Day Ballard	William Eastman J <sup>r</sup>	James Clark
John Toppan	Willmon Bittum	Winthrop Smith
Thomas mudget	Obadiah Dudy	Elisha mudget
John fouler	Olover fouler	Aaain Hacket
Daniel ames	John sandrson	Jashay Nickson
Timothy Medar	Robert Sandbourne	Jacob Weed
Sam. Peirson	John Hutehins	John Wallace
Enoch Sanderson	Joseph Richardson	John Glines
Elias Smith	Abraham Chandler	William Atkins
Ephraim Drake	Eben <sup>r</sup> Blake	Nathan Hoit
Samuel Lear	Edward Hayford	Enoch Blake
James Samborn	David Beain	Edward Modey
Phineas Graves	Joseph Garland	Benj <sup>a</sup> Bean
John Wadligh	Richard Bachum	Obadiah Brown
John Goldsmith	John Goldsmith jur	Moors Brown
Samuel Sias	Eliphalat Sias	Benjamin Goldsmith
Nathanal Brown	Samuel Tibbets	Jacob Brown
Richard Glover	Josiah Poland	Isaac Goldsmith
John Young	Benjamin Sceggel	Zachur goldsmith
	Isaac Davis	

[Plan of Long Island, 1799.]

A Plan of Long Island Situate in Winnisissetta Bay containing eleven hundred and seventy four Acres and divided into five equal Shares each Share containing two hundred thirty four Acres three Quarters of an Acre and eight square Rods.



Winnisissetta Bay  
Moultonborough Apr. 24<sup>th</sup> 1799  
By Henry East Secy

This Plan is laid down by a Scale  
of eighty Rods to an Inch

[Committee of Moultonborough Proprietors, 1806.]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 191.]

State of New Hampshire } At a meeting of the Proprietors of  
Strafford ss } Moultonbor<sup>o</sup> held at Moultonbor<sup>o</sup>: 24<sup>th</sup>  
March 1806.—

Whereas a meeting of the Proprietors of Moultonbor<sup>o</sup> is warned & holden at Moultonborough this 24<sup>th</sup> of March; & an article in the Warrant is, to confer with a Committe, which is, or may be chosen by this Propriety, respecting a division of the Common Land in said

town.—Therefore voted, that Nath<sup>l</sup> Shannon Esq<sup>r</sup>, Col<sup>o</sup> Bradbury Richardson & Col<sup>o</sup> Bradbury Cilley be agents in behalf of this propriety, with full power to confer & agree with the Grantors of said Moultonbor<sup>o</sup>, respecting a severance of the land, reference being had, both to quantity & quality, & to have that part which may then be mutually agreed, to be assign'd to the fifteen original Grantors, & make report of the same, that it may be divided among the proprietors—thereby granting to said Agents full power to Release & Quitclaim by Deed or otherwise all the right of the Proprietors to their shares of said undivided Lands as shall be agreed on—

A true Copy of record Attes  
 Thomas Shannon Prop<sup>r</sup> Clerk  
 Tho<sup>s</sup> Shannon Pt Clerk

[*Deed from Aforesaid Committee, 1807.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 192.]

Know all Men by these Presents, that we Nathaniel Shannon and Bradbury Richardson, both of Moultonborough in the county of Strafford, and State of New Hampshire, Esquires, and Bradbury Cilley of Nottingham in the county of Rockingham, and State aforesaid, Esquire, Agents, appointed by the Proprietors of Moultonborough, aforesaid, at their legal meeting held at Moultonborough on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 1806, authorizing us to confer and agree with the Grantors of said Moultonborough respecting the severance of the common land in said town, for, and in consideration of one hundred cents to us in hand, before the delivery hereof, well and truly paid by John Peirce and Nathaniel Appleton Haven, both of Portsmouth in the county of Rockingham aforesaid, Merchants, agents appointed by the Proprietors of Mason's Patent, at their legal meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 1806, for the purpose of agreeing with the Proprietors of Moultonborough, respecting a severance of the common land in said town, so far as respects the shares appertaining to the original rights of the Fifteen Grantors, the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge, and for the further consideration of their having released to us, by their instrument of even date with these Presents, all the Right which the said Fifteen Grantors or their Heirs or Assigns have in and to all the residue of the common land in said town, for the use of the other Proprietors thereof except a tract of land containing, two thousand, two hundred and fifty acres, particularly described and bounded in said deed of release; have given, granted, bargained, released, & forever quitclaimed, and by these Presents in

our said capacity, do hereby give, grant, bargain, release, and forever quit claim to them, the said John Pierce and Nathaniel Appleton Haven, for the use and benefit of those legally claiming the original rights of the Fifteen Grantors, namely, the rights of Theodore Atkinson, Thomas Packer, Thomas Wallingford, John Moffatt, Richard Wibird, Mark Hunking Wentworth, John Wentworth, Jotham Odiorne, Joshua Peirce, Solly and March, Thomlinson and Mason, Meserve and Co., Peirce and Moore, George Jaffrey and John Rindge, to them, their Heirs and Assigns forever, as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants, a certain tract or parcel of land lying in Moultonborough aforesaid containing twenty two hundred and fifty acres, to be allotted and divided into fifteen equal shares, one of which shares to be for each of the rights aforesaid, bounded as follows, beginning at the easterly corner of Moultonborough, which is the Northerly corner of Tuftonborough, and running Southwesterly on said Tuftonborough, one mile and one hundred and sixty rods, and carrying that breadth North-westerly on the Easterly line of said Moultonborough, (which Easterly line is a direct line from the North corner of Tuftonborough to an Oak Tree, the corner of Sandwich, and is the dividing line between Moultonborough and Ossipee) so far, that a line run parallel to the said Tuftonborough line, from said Easterly line of Moultonborough shall include two thousand, two hundred and fifty acres of land; To have and to hold the aforesaid released premises with all the privileges and appurtenances thereof, to them the said John Peirce and Nathaniel Appleton Haven to be holden, set off and divided for the use and benefit of the legal Representatives of the aforesaid fifteen original Grantors, their Heirs and Assigns forever; We hereby in our said capacity covenanting and engaging to warrant the same against the lawful claim or demand of the Proprietors of Moultonborough—In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this sixth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and seven.

Signed Sealed and	Nathan <sup>l</sup> Shannon	[seal]
Delivered in presence of	Bradbury Richardson	[seal]
Thomas Leavitt	Bradbr <sup>y</sup> Cilley	[seal]
W <sup>m</sup> B Parker.		

Rockingham ss Portsmouth Feb<sup>r</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1807

Then the within named Nathaniel Shannon Bradbury Richardson, & Bradbury Cilley Esquires personally appearing acknowledged this instrument to be their free act & Deed—

before Thomas Leavitt Just Peace

[*Report of Masonian Committee, 1807.*]

[*Masonian Papers, Vol. 6, p. 193.*]

The Committee appointed by vote of the Proprietors dated March 19<sup>th</sup> 1806 authorizing them to settle and agree with the Grantees of Moultonborough respecting a division of the Common Land in that Town—now report—

That having attended to the duties of their appointment, by frequent conferences with a Committee appointed by the Proprietors of Moultonborough fully authorized for the express purpose, of agreeing with your Committee, in the proposed division, and having caused such survey to be made, and such Plans to be procured, and other documents furnished, as would enable them to act as they deemed most beneficial, to the Propriety, have at length effected the object of their Commission, by receiving from the Committee, appointed by the Proprietors of Moultonborough a deed of Two Thousand, two hundred and fifty acres of Land, to be laid out in that Quarter of the Town, adjoining Tuftonborough and Ossipee, in such form as is particularly stated in the Deed, to which we refer—they further report, that in consideration of deed of release from the Committee of the Propriety of Moultonborough, your Committee have by deed, released and forever quitclaimed to the Proprietors of Moultonborough all the right and title which the Masonian Proprietors have to the remainder of the Common Land in said Town and your Committee further report, that considering the probable difference of Quality in the Two thousand, two hundred and fifty Acres, now released to the Propriety, they are of Opinion, and would recommend that the same be allotted into thirty Lots of seventy five Acres each, and a plan of the Survey thereof be returned to the Propriety and severance made of them by drawing and assigning Two Lotts to the right of each of the fifteen original Proprietors—March 5<sup>th</sup> 1807.

John Pierce

Nath. A. Haven

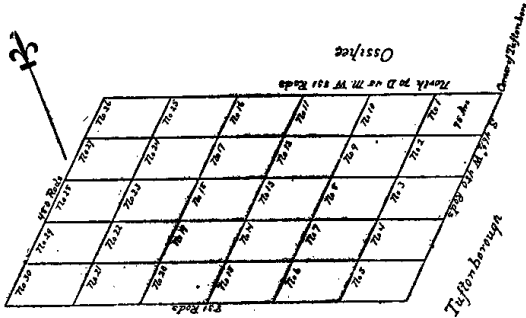
[*Plan of Part of Moultonborough, 1807.*]

A Plan of 2250 Acres of Land in the Town of Moultonborough and is the Southeasterly Corner of said Town Adjoining Ossipee and Tuftonborough Survey'd according to the Deed which the proprietors of Moultonborough gave to the Masonian proprietors

Survey'd June 8<sup>th</sup> 1807 by

Benjamin Cook Surv<sup>r</sup>

Each Lot contains Seventy five Acres—The width of each Lot on the range Line is 96 Rods.—  
 The check Lines are 138.5 Rods by each Lot



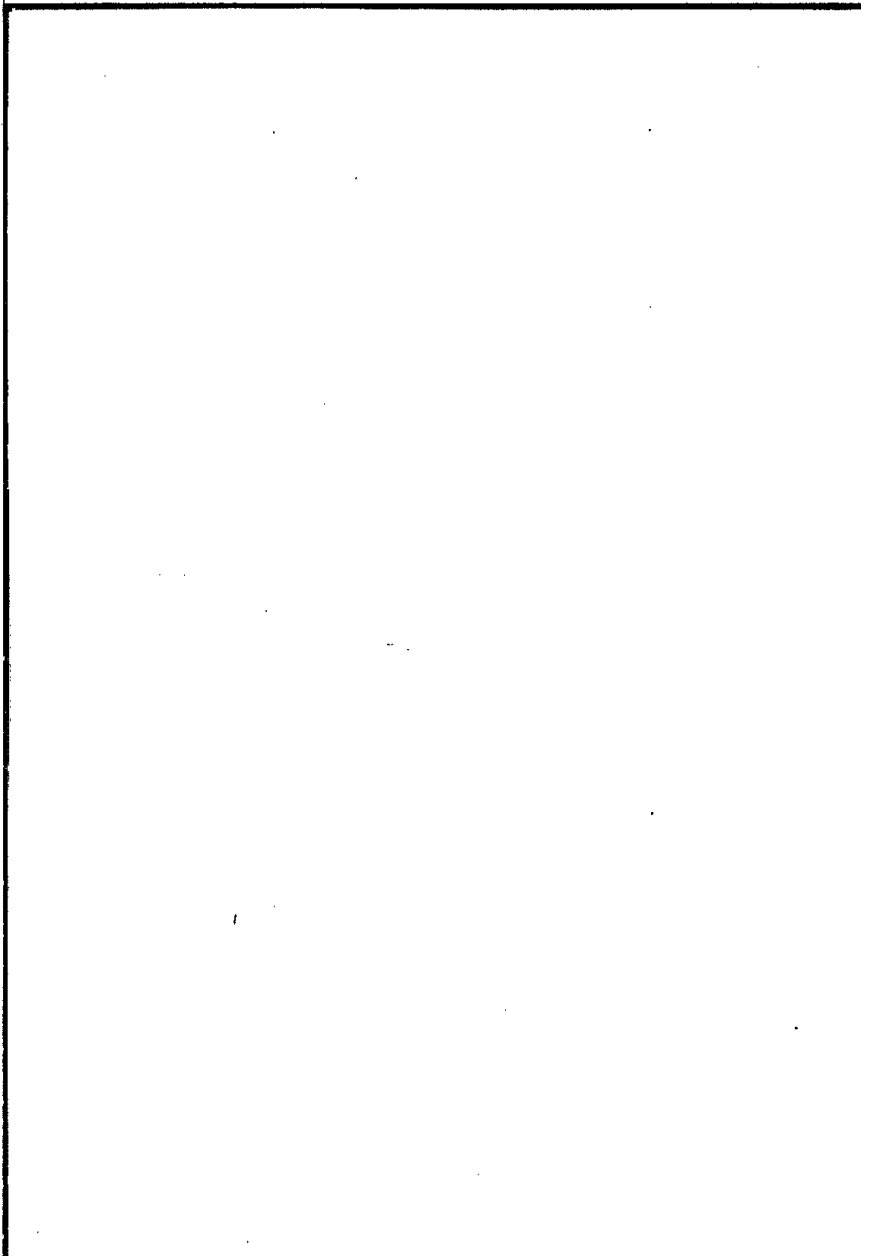
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#### CORRECTIONS.

- On page 63, for Joseph Bunster, read *Joseph Bruster*.
- On page 88, for Jonathan Odiorne, read *Jotham Odiorne*.
- On page 89, for Edward Sade, read *Edward Lade*.
- On page 395, for Joseph Minot, read *Jonas Minot*.
- On pages 469 and 470, for Jonah Brown read *Josiah Brown*.
- On page 545, for Bill Leech, read *Bille Leach*.

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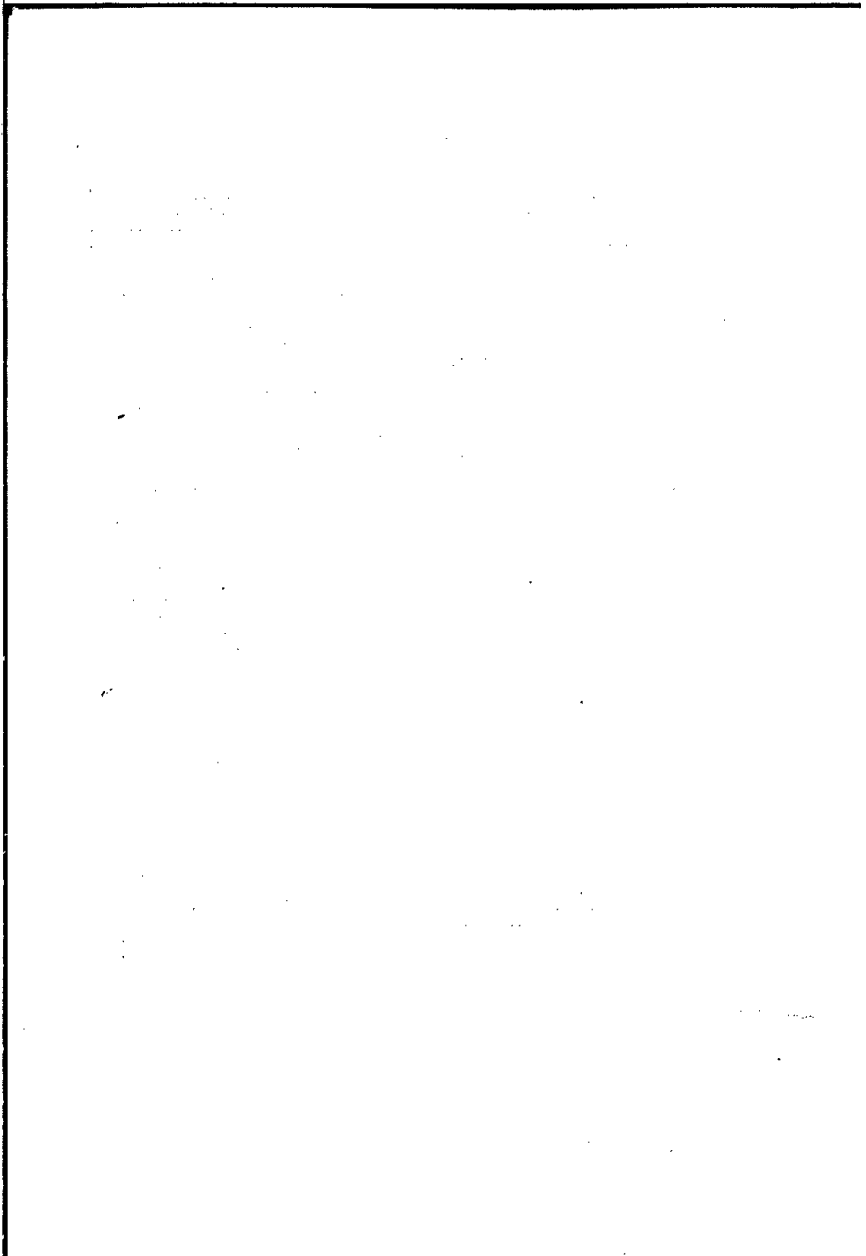
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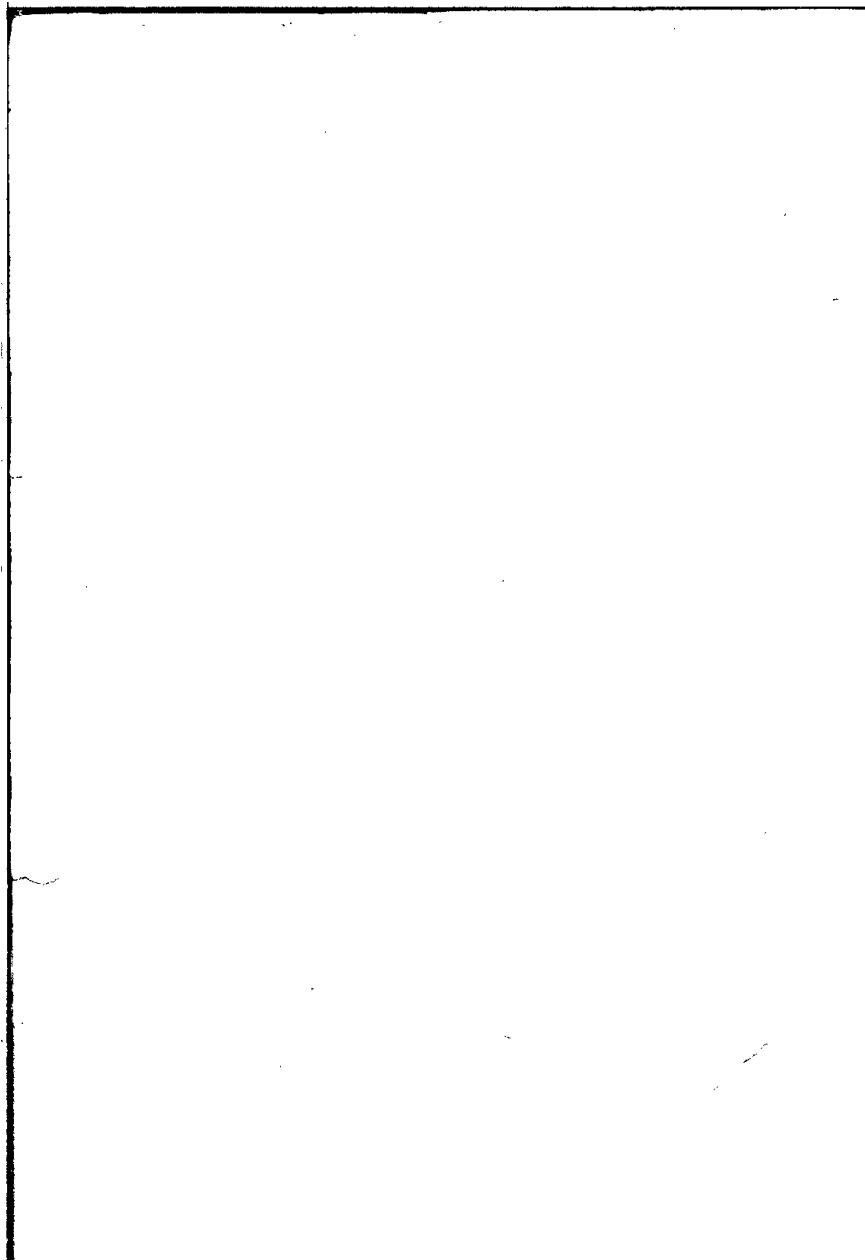
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## PREFACE.

In an analysis of the history of New Hampshire nothing is found more important than the Masonian element. John Mason, the first proprietor, may well be regarded as the founder of the state. To him and his successors the undertakings that resulted in state autonomy are fairly attributable. Without the Masonian titular interest in the patents which covered the territory and without the Masonian insistence upon rights of property and government in New Hampshire, pursued amidst a most determined opposition and against serious discouragements, there would have been no separate political province where the foundations of this state were planted in the American wilderness. It is only in the clearer atmosphere of modern historical investigation and tolerance of historical truths that John Mason takes his proper place among the state-makers of the colonial period. His enterprise was certainly among the first efforts for colonization on the Pascataqua.\* His associates and representatives effected the settlement of 1623. Through his devoted interest and from his personal resources these small beginnings became a permanent colonial establishment. The death of Mason in 1635 was the most serious calamity which could befall the enterprise which he inaugurated and which bears his name. There is now no longer room for doubt that in his purpose was ample promise of progress and success for the colony. He had encountered varying personal fortunes, but through all the years beginning with the inception of this particular project of English colonization he never faltered in the undertaking at Pascataqua, but held to it as among his most cherished designs. Indeed, until the near approach of his death, his opportunity for the greatest usefulness to the colony had not arrived. "Mason had hitherto," says Charles Wesley Tuttle, "derived no profit from his efforts at colonization. In a letter to Ambrose Gibbons, his old and faithful agent, written in 1634, he says that he had never received a penny for all his outlay on his plantation in the Pascataqua." Mr. Tuttle's narrative further states that "In 1634 Mason was appointed captain of the South Sea Castle, an ancient fortress commanding the entrance to the harbor at Portsmouth, England. This was a very important office. Most of such castles were commanded by noblemen of military skill, and who were well affected to the Sovereign. Mason's

\* There is evidence of an early settlement at Dover. This subject has place elsewhere in the State Papers series, and nothing is asserted here in disparagement of the claims made for the Hilton settlement at Dover Point as a fact in the planting of New Hampshire. See Prince Society publication, "Capt. John Mason," 1887, p. 28, note 18. *Non nobis tantas componere cives.*

old associate, Sir Ferdinando Gorges, had commanded the castle at Plymouth, but had now retired from it. About this time Mason was appointed by the Admiralty to visit annually the Forts and Castles in England, and make a report to the government."

"In June, 1632, Mason was elected a member of the Great Council for New England, composed, as we have seen, of 'persons of honor and even of blood;' and in the November following, became Vice-President of the Council, the Earl of Warwick being then President. The Council often had meetings at Capt. Mason's house in Fenchurch street in London. This elevation shows the high estimation put on Mason by some of the foremost persons in England."

"Early in 1635 the Council for New England became satisfied of its inability to control affairs in New England. It had long had enemies at home as well as here. There was an unwillingness to recognize the powers granted by the Sovereign in the nature of government, and it had no strength to enforce its decrees. The Colony of Massachusetts Bay had become large and powerful, and disregarded all authority, kingly as well as other, as far as they thought it prudent. Complaints against the Council were constantly made to the Privy Council, and they were cited to answer. They determined thereupon to surrender their great Charter to the king, and to divide the whole territory of New England among themselves. Pursuant to this resolve, Mason received a new grant from the Council, dated April 22, 1635, of the lands hitherto granted to him by the Council. This grant embraced all the land between the Naumkeag and Pascataqua rivers, extending threescore miles inland, with the south half of the Isles of Shoals, to be called New Hampshire; also a further grant of ten thousand acres on the west side of the Kennebec river, to be called *Masonia*. Henry Josselyn and Ambrose Gibbons, both then on the Pascataqua, were authorized to give Mason possession of this new grant."

"On the surrender of the New England Patent in 1635, it was the design of the king to set over that territory a general Governor, and Sir Ferdinando Gorges received the appointment. To complete the vice-regal government, Capt. John Mason was appointed, October 1, Vice-Admiral of New England."

"Mason made every preparation to come to New Hampshire, looking forward to a visit to his plantation, as well as to the charge he had undertaken. In November he was taken ill, and died early in December, 1635, an event that proved disastrous to his interests in New England, which fell, by the terms of his will, to his widow and to his grandson, then not one year old."

John Mason, son of John and Isabella Mason, was born in King's Lynn or Lynn Regis in the western part of the maritime county of Norfolk. He was baptized Dec. 11, 1586. How he passed his years till 1610 his biographers do not relate. He then appears as commander of the king's fleet sent to control the turbulent people of the Hebrides. This squadron consisted of two ships of war and two

pinnaces. Mason fitted out this expedition at his own expense and was occupied in the undertaking fourteen months. It was agreed that he was to be reimbursed, but it does not appear that this was ever done directly from the royal treasury. As early as 1615 he was governor of the plantation of Newfoundland, begun in 1610. Possibly the appointment to this office was in a measure the result of the large debt due him on account of the Hebrides expedition. He remained at this post about six years, and was very efficient in his administration. He made the first English map of the island and wrote a "Brief Discourse of the New-found-land." He also held a royal commission as the king's lieutenant to deal with the pirates then infesting the Newfoundland region. In 1621 he returned to England. It was about this date that he became intimately connected with Sir Ferdinando Gorges. From that time on they were largely and intimately associated in colonial enterprises. March 9, 1621-'22, Mason procured from the Council for New England his grant of Mariana. At home Mason was much occupied in the public service, particularly in naval operations in the wars in which England was engaged, and in which he held high and responsible offices. Contemporaneously with such occupations he was directing his affairs in the new world with devoted interest. At length, when relieved of the imperative demands of public duties under government at home, he was about to give the colony on the Pascataqua the impetus of his personal presence and direction, but he died before his purpose could be accomplished.

Tuttle says, "Captain Mason had but one child, a daughter, Anne, who married Joseph Tufton, a connection of the noble family of Tufton of Sussex. Three sons and two daughters were born of this marriage, and were the only representatives of Capt. Mason. All except the eldest, who died young, are mentioned in Capt. Mason's will. The history of these grandchildren forms a subject of great interest, three of them being the devisees of Mason's vast estates in New England. The eldest was only seven years old at the time of Mason's death."

"John Tufton, the eldest son, died before he became of age, and his interest passed to his brother, Robert Tufton, who came to New Hampshire in 1680 and was a member of the Provincial Council. He was also of the Council of Dudley and Andros during the union of the New England States. Robert Tufton took the surname of Mason, as required by the will, in order to take the property of his grandfather. He died suddenly at Kingston, N. Y., Sept. 6, 1688, leaving descendants. To the efforts of Robert Mason New Hampshire is indebted for her independent existence for two hundred years."

The death of Mason was regarded at the time, according to the point of view of interested parties. To his friends and associates it was a far-reaching calamity, but to the Puritan element it appeared in a very different light. To them, doubtless, a formidable obstacle in the way of their designs on the Pascataqua plantations was removed.

The lineal descendants of John Mason, given with reference to the passage of the title to the Proprietary in 1746, were as follows :

1. Capt. John Mason, died December, 1635.
2. Anne Mason, daughter, married Joseph Tufton.
3. Robert Tufton, *alias* Mason, son of Anne, born 1635. Took surname of Mason by terms of his grandfather's will.
4. Robert Tufton Mason, 2d son. He and his elder brother, John, undertook to pass their interest in New Hampshire to Samuel Allen in 1691.
5. John Tufton Mason, son, died in Havana, 1718.
6. Col. John Tufton Mason, son, born in Boston, Mass., April 29, 1713; sold title to lands in New Hampshire to the Masonian Proprietors in 1746, claiming that the transaction with Allen in 1691 conveyed only a life interest.

The various charters to Mason, alone or with associates, are as follows :

March 9, 1621-2, Grant of Mariana.

Aug. 10, 1622, Grant of Province of Maine.

Nov. 7, 1629, Grant of New Hampshire.

Nov. 17, 1629, Grant of Laconia.

Nov. 3, 1631, Grant of Piscataway.

April 22, 1635, Grant of New Hampshire and Masonia.

Aug. 19, 1635, Confirmation of Grant of New Hampshire and Masonia.

In addition to these charters the Province of New Hampshire, by the same boundaries as described in the grant of April 22, 1635, was leased to John Wollaston April 18, 1635, for a term of three thousand years, and on the 11th of June following Wollaston, transferred his lease to Mason. This instrument states that the lease to Wollaston April 18, was "by & with the consent of the Said Cap<sup>t</sup> John Mason in trust only for the benefit & behoofe of him the Said Cap<sup>t</sup> John Mason his Executors & Assigns."

Much controversy has arisen in regard to these instruments and the titles claimed under them.\* In character these contentions were often acrimonious and their consequences far reaching. Other claims to the same soil were interposed, some taking date even in the brief period between 1621 and the death of Mason, and other claims to priority of settlement on the Pascataqua were asserted on important historical authority. As to these questions nothing further than the citation of facts and records, without argument, should be expected in this relation.

The years following the death of John Mason and the period in which Robert Tufton Mason was passing his childhood and youth were times of misfortune and retrogression for the family interests in New Hampshire. In 1641 the New Hampshire towns were gathered into the Massachusetts Bay government, and the course of political affairs gave little promise of a successful revival of Masonian claims or the erection of a separate province for the New Hampshire colony. Robert Tufton

\* Capt. John Mason, by Tuttle and Dean, Prince Society, 1887, p. 355.

Mason, however, eventually proved himself to be a man of ability, capable of large influence on the public men and measures of his time. His efforts resulted in a vigorous reassertion of the Masonian rights in New Hampshire and the establishment of the separate provincial government of 1679, in which he stands as a conspicuous central figure. From this date the Masonian affairs were prominent in the annals of the province. The conveyance by the heirs of Robert Tufon Mason to Samuel Allen in 1691 is an episode which interposed a new complication. The later reassertion of the Masonian claim in antagonism to the Allen title is also an important consideration. In this period a minute examination of the progress of Masonian affairs in the province involves the exposition of the principal history of New Hampshire from 1679 to 1739. Reference must be made in this connection to the work of Belknap and the documentary history in the previous volumes of this series, particularly Vol. 19.

The tracing out of the course of the Masonian title to its historical conclusion in New Hampshire has exacted profound investigation for more than two centuries. It is a subject that is inseparably interwoven into the entire narrative of the development of the province and the establishment of a state. See Belknap's *History of New Hampshire*, chapters 6 to 11; *Collections of N. H. Historical Society*, Vol. 8, pp. 318 to 325, 380 to 394; *N. H. Documents* collected by John S. Jenness; *N. H. State Papers*, Vol. 19; *Province Papers*, Vols. 1 and 2; *History of Rindge*, by Ezra S. Stearns, chapter 2; *Memoir of Capt. John Mason*, by Charles Wesley Tuttle and John Ward Dean, pub. by Prince Society, 1887.

The documents which are the principal resource of the historians of this subject have long been in unsystematic and scattered forms and conditions of preservation and publication. A part of those of a more general character have been before the public for a long period. The existence of others in unlooked for custody or places of record has been made known in recent years. The great body of the Masonian papers in the original form were in the legal custody of the representatives of the associates in the corporation which finally came into possession of the claim by purchase from Col. John Tufon Mason in 1746. These associates successfully assumed and exercised the powers of disposal under that title. The Proprietary consisted of the following named persons:—Theodore Atkinson, who held three shares, Mark Hunking Wentworth, two shares, and Richard Wibird, John Wentworth, George Jaffrey, Nathaniel Meserve, Thomas Packer, Thomas Wallingford, Jotham Odiorne, Joshua Peirce, Samuel Moore, and John Moffatt, one share each. The deed was dated Jan. 30, 1746. In 1749 the proprietors took a second conveyance comprehending all the Masonian grants from Naumkeag to the Pascataqua.

The state publication of Masonian papers now in progress contemplates an arrangement in three printed volumes of the series. The first and second (Vols. 27 and 28 of the series), will contain the town charters or grants issued by the

Proprietary subsequent to the deed of 1746, and all papers found relating thereto. This publication will be in all respects similar to that of the town charters directly from province authority (Vols. 24, 25, and 26), and will be accompanied by similar notes, maps, and indexes. The papers which constitute, explain, and relate to the Masonian title in general will be given in a separate volume. The purpose of the editor is to bring this class of documents together in systematic order, and to place them in one collection where they may be found in a form and arrangement which will facilitate the study of the Masonian element in our early history, making the entire body of authentic documentary material readily accessible to the public. Almost the entire body of papers, including plans, to be published in this and the two succeeding volumes came into the possession of the state from Robert Cutts Peirce, of Portsmouth, in 1891. No donation of equal value and importance to its archives, or more deserving of the appreciation and gratitude of the government and the people, has ever been received by this state.

Such special comments on this collection as may be deemed pertinent in a prefatory note will be reserved for the contemplated Vol. 29, and a treatment of certain facts relating to the administration of the affairs of the Proprietary in the disposal of lands and the erection of townships will constitute a preface to Vol. 28. His Excellency Charles A. Busiel and the honorable Council have constantly given this work practical encouragement, and have rendered to the editor valued coöperation. The Secretary of State, the officers of the State Library, and other custodians of books and documents relating to the subject-matter of these volumes, have supplied every aid by advice and accommodation which could contribute to the successful progress of the work.

THE EDITOR.

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